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NEW CONVENTION PRESIDENT MAKES SUGGESTIONS

Dr. Pat M. Neff

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

During the weeks that have passed since you honored me at San Antonio with the office of President of our Convention, I have wished it were possible to speak a personal word to each co-worker in our great Convention territory concerning the tasks so eminently important at this time to every Southern Baptist. I am sure that each former president of the Convention has accepted the mantle of office with a deep sense of responsibility, for each succeeding

year has presented serious problems and challenging opportunities. This year, however, is recognized by all of us as a crisis year, not only in the civic and economic life of the world, but it is also a crisis year in the religious life of all nations. For while Baptists believe in and practice separation of church and state, we know that neither church nor state can stand alone. The work of one largely determines the destiny of the other.

Since we are conscious of the tremendous upheaval through which all nations are now struggling, we must acknowledge the necessity of close cooperation on the part of every church and every individual member in a great, energetic, far-reaching religious program, to meet the unparalleled needs of this hour, and to be ready to enter the open doors of a spiritually-suffering world when the flag of peace is once more unfurled.

A Layman to Laymen

Since I am a layman, it is entirely appropriate that my remarks be addressed chiefly to the laymen of our churches. The burden of our denominational program has been too long borne by our pastors and the women. They have led us in every good cause. It is pre-eminently appropriate now, when the young manpower of our country is being mobilized for war against the forces that threaten the foundations of social government, for the men of our Southern Baptist churches to mobilize for a

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NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT PASCAGOULA

The Housing Project Mission of the First Baptist Church at Pascagoula has been organized as a church and named Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. L. E. Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Pascagoula, presided and presented the various speakers on the program. Those taking part were: Rev. J. F. Brock, moderator of Jackson County Association and pastor of the First Baptist Church at Moss Point; Rev. John D. W. Watts, of B. B. I.; Dr. J. Wash Watts, acting president of B. B. I.; Rev. Jewel Golman, pastor of the Kreole Baptist Church; Rev. Montie A. Davis, pastor of East Moss Point Baptist Church, and Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Pascagoula.

Rev. John D. W. Watts, son of Dr. J. Wash Watts, was called as pastor of the new church. Thomas C. Bornman, Jr., was elected clerk and Overl Oglesbee as treasurer.

RIDGECREST 1942—AN EVALUATION

C. E. Bryant, Jr.

Beginning with Student Week in June, attracting college young people full of enthusiasm and potentialities for the future of Christianity, and concluding with Preaching Week late in August, when that dean of all Baptist pastors, Dr. George W. Truett, delivered a series of 16 sermons, Ridgecrest 1942 continued as the mecca and the summer capital of Southern Baptists.

Southwide leaders had looked to the summer assembly with doubt. Gasoline rationing and the absence of rubber tires, threatened curtailment of railway travel, the drafting of men into the armed forces, war distressed homes: all had gone together to make some doubt the advisability of attempting the 1942 season. It was agreed however the summer program would commence, but the reservation still remained, unpublished, that the season may terminate abruptly if conditions became worse.

That faith brought 1400—from all the South—to Student Week. Dr. T. L. Solcomb smiled broadly when a young man from far-away Arizona introduced him to that conference. The Young Women's Auxiliary camp registered 750, North Carolina Training Union 120, Southwide Sunday school 2400, the two Southwide Training Union weeks 4000. Is the drop coming? The Editorial and Brotherhood conferences drew their anticipated 500, Foreign Mission Week 1000, the Christian Life, Education and Music conferences 500. Then, to close the sea-

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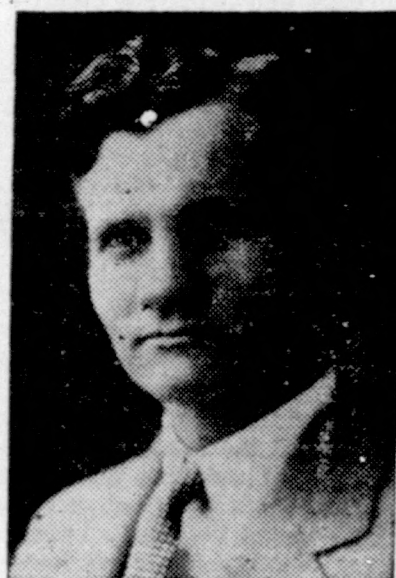
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THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

J. N. Barnette

Thank God for the 915 Baptist associations in this emergency, for the 915 associational moderators who occupy places of amazing possibilities in a

day of such dire needs, for the 11,500 volunteer associational Sunday school officers positioned to extend and strengthen the Bible teaching and the Bible study in the 25,603 churches in a day when people are confused, for the 11,144 volunteer Training Union associational officers set to the task of helping every church have a practical, week-by-



J. N. BARNETTE

week training program, and for the thousands of Woman's Missionary Union associational officers promoting the study and support of missions. Surely, the 915 associations, with their small areas, with thousands of volunteer workers, and with the confidence and co-operation of all the churches, should gladden the hearts of Southern Baptists. Leaders everywhere should plan to make regular and effective use of these associations which make possible the volunteer co-operation of every Baptist church in every phase of Baptist work. Now, more than at any time in a quarter of a century, Baptists need the associations.

Is it not true that the attitude manifested and the plans made in the annual associational meetings this fall will largely reflect our faith in God,

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RIDGECREST FOREIGN MISSION WORK

By J. D. Franks

The Foreign Mission Conference recently held on our Southern Baptist Assembly grounds at Ridgecrest, N. C., was pronounced by those who have

attended former conferences "the greatest yet." Perhaps not the greatest in attendance (more than 1,000 registered), but the greatest in spiritual vision and power. More than fifty returned missionaries were in attendance, coming from every Southern Baptist mission field. Their presence and their messages were largely responsible for the high spiritual experience we had.



DR. J. D. FRANKS

The Foreign Mission Board held a special called session on Wednesday of the conference week. The financial reports were encouraging. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering has gone far beyond the goal set by the W. M. U. of the South. The World Emergency Relief offering now stands at about \$425,000.00. It is hoped that that offering may finally reach a

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NOW THAT IT CAN BE TOLD

Some years ago (it has to be years ago or it couldn't be told) two churches in Mississippi, located within ten miles of each other, were without a pastor. They each wished a man for half-time, and agreed to work together and locate a pastor on the field.

A good brother was recommended to them and visited the churches for mutual acquaintance. He was a college graduate and had attended one of our seminaries for his theological training. He made a good impression on both the churches, for he was a likeable man and had preaching ability. They were about ready to extend to him a call to the field. He was to live in one of the towns where there was a pastor's home, preaching half time to each church.

Just about the time negotiations were being completed a member of the pulpit committee in the church where the preacher was not to live, ventured to say: "Brother Blank, we should like for you to come down every week to attend our mid-week prayer meeting." The preacher said, "Will you pay for my gasoline?"

That ended all negotiations. Not another word was said about calling him. It was not that the church was unwilling to pay for the gasoline, but they didn't care for a preacher who stalled on twenty cents a week.

And this brings to mind a story told by the author of "Lanterns on the Levee," as he got it from a Negro boy. A young Negro told his boss that he met a turtle down by the creek that talked to him just like folks. The boss said, "It isn't so." The boy said, "It sho is de trufe."

The boss told him they would go together and see the turtle and if he didn't talk, he would give the Negro a whipping. He got the whipping. Later the Negro boy said he went down to where the turtle was and the turtle winked at him with one of his red eyes and said, "Nigger, you talks too much."—P. I. Lipsey.

Sparks and Splinters

Rev. J. M. Metts of Pickens was with the Good Hope church, Panola county, for a meeting during the first part of August. Brother Metts was once the beloved pastor of that church and the people were happy to have him with them again. The church was greatly blessed by the meeting.—Harry Borah, pastor.

It was my privilege to be with Rev. L. D. Sellers and Pisgah church in Carroll county in their annual revival. This rural church has almost 600 members and they really go to church. There were 25 additions. Brother Sellers has been pastor of this good church 20 years and is dearly beloved by the entire community. They have a nice building and a good program. I spent the week in the home of Supt. and Mrs. W. D. Purvis.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

Rev. W. R. Storie, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Itta Bena, and Mrs. Storie are to be congratulated for having printed a little pamphlet entitled "God's Word of Comfort and Consolation." It is just what its name implies and it will be helpful to any Christian.

For the first time in the history of Whitfield, according to available information, a revival is to be conducted in the auditorium for the employees of our State Institution for the Insane. The preaching is to be done by Pastor G. M. Harbin of nearby Pearson Baptist Church. Dr. C. M. Speck, superintendent, who is a member of the First Baptist Church in Jackson, plans to give full cooperation in the meeting. Services will be held evenings only, beginning September 6.

The First Baptist Church of New Orleans, Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, on Sunday morning, August 23, received into its membership the 2000th person who has joined the church during the pastorate of Dr. Grey, which began May 1, 1937. The church is making extensive plans to celebrate its centennial in 1943.

Among recent visitors to The Baptist Record office were: Chester Swor, Clinton; Rev. B. C. Land, Tampa, Fla.; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Ernestine Ferrell, Pontotoc; Rev. G. M. Harbin, Pearson; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Pelahatchie; Joseph Knapp, Vicksburg; Dr. John Wendell Bailey, Richmond, Va.; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; P. A. Tennyson, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Bryan Simmons, Laurel; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Columbia; Rev. L. R. Polk, Madison, Ga.; Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Rev. James Fairchild, Jr., Wesson.

Dr. C. L. McKay of Van Winkle church was with Pastor A. A. Ward and the church at Tuscola the second week in August. Dr. McKay did some soul-stirring preaching which revived the church. There were three additions.

There were 14 additions at Lena where Rev. G. O. Parker helped Pastor A. A. Ward in their annual revival. The people said this was the best revival at Lena in many years. There were large crowds at both morning and evening services.

On another page will be found an article concerning the opening of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. Former students will want to read this article because of the things it will recall to their minds. Prospective students will want to read it because of the information it gives. In these times of added income many Mississippi Baptists could wisely invest \$15.00 per month in a table guest at the Seminary. Read the article for full details.

New Hope church, Calhoun county: On Sunday, August 30, our church ordained Rev. Elgin West to the full ministry of the gospel. Rev. J. M. Spikes, pastor, was assisted by the following pastors: L. F. Haire, Jimmy Wilson, Joel Dorroh and his three sons, Jesse, J. B. and Leroy. Rev. Joel Dorroh is eighty-four years old and for eighteen years has been moderator of the Zion Association.—Reporter.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Zimmerman of Phoenix, Arizona, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Earl, to William Meridith Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins, of Flagg Staff, Arizona. The ceremony was celebrated on August 23. Dr. Zimmerman is State Mission Secretary in Arizona.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, beloved former pastor of Pontotoc Baptist Church, now executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the morning worship service on next Sunday morning, Sept. 6, at 11 o'clock. Pontotoc Baptists are looking forward to his coming and are making every effort to turn out a large crowd. Special invitations have been extended to the large numbers of Pontotoc county friends of Dr. Holcomb to attend this worship service. His coming will be one week before the arrival of Pontotoc's new Baptist pastor, Rev. John W. Cook, who will begin his work here on Sunday, September 13.—Hershell George.

Horse Shoe church, Holmes county: On the third Sunday in August the revival meeting began with three sermons and dinner on the ground. On Monday morning the children, young people and adults came at 8:30 a. m., for the Vacation Bible school, which continued until 11 o'clock, in time for the morning service. Rev. Roy Self, a son of one of the members of Horse Shoe church, also one of our very fine young pastors in Lincoln county, brought the messages. His wife assisted with the Vacation Bible school and had charge of the music during the meeting. This young couple were a benediction to our church. There were 29 additions, and most of these grown people and heads of families.—C. J. Olander.

New Providence church, Copiah county: Dr. Otho A. Eure assisted in our revival meeting. There were six additions. We held our V. B. S. in connection with the revival. The average attendance was 29. The people were delighted with the results of this school. We plan to have another next year.—Reporter.

Pastor E. L. Byrd of Holly Springs, recently led in a revival at Potts Camp. There were 14 additions.

"Wings Against the Blue" should appeal to every Mississippian. Rosalee Mills Appleby is the author. (Mrs. Appleby is a Mississippian. Her sister lives at Vaughn. Of course, all our readers know that she is a missionary in Brazil.) Although it has woven into it a romance, it gives a bird's-eye view of our mission work in South America. And it is written in such an interesting style that readers should not begin the book unless they have several hours that they can give to its reading, for they will not want to lay the book down until they have finished reading it. The book makes mention of several Mississippians, as well as other Southern Baptist missionaries. The Broadman Press is the publisher, the price is 40 cents, and it may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

Tchula: We held our Vacation Bible school and revival the second week in August. Dr. E. L. Sturgis of Tunica preached one of the finest series of sermons ever heard in Tchula. There were seven additions during the meeting and three the following Sunday.—C. J. Olander, pastor.

Ellison Ridge church, Winston county: This is a full-time country church. They have a building program on, enlarging the departments, adding Sunday school rooms and pastor's apartment in the basement. The pastor, Dr. John F. Carter, and workers were taking a religious census when we arrived. The V. B. S. was held during the meeting. In spite of the rain and mud the house was filled from day to day and most of the time the night crowds could not be seated in the building. School buses came from Good Hope and from Bethel much of the time. There were 45 additions.—R. D. Pearson.

Crystal Springs has had 24 additions in the past three Sundays.

On September 1, Rev. J. L. Sullivan began his second year as pastor at Clinton. With the large number of ministerial students enrolled in Mississippi College, and other young men from all over the state, there is no more important pastorate in Mississippi. During the past year there have been 228 additions. In a material way there has been much improvement, such as the building of the Lovelace baptistry, the purchase of 300 new hymnals, the purchase of a ventilating system, the remodeling of the choir, carpeting of the rostrum, the rebuilding of the pipe organ, buying of 100 new chairs, two new flags, and other items of less importance. While making material improvements the church has kept up its contribution to the mission causes.

Pastor M. E. Haddon reports a successful revival at Unity church in Greene county. The evangelist was Rev. William Yeatman of Richton. There were eight additions.

Greene county is going forward in Sunday school and Training Union work. Regular associational meetings are held every quarter, under direction of E. M. Ball, Sunday school superintendent, and Rev. Aubrey Smith, Training Union director. The next meeting is August 30 at Avera church.—M. E. Haddon.

We have received the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention which met in May at San Antonio. However, permit us to call attention to an error that should not have been in the minutes. In the report of the Saturday evening session it states that the remarks were made by T. W. Young for The Baptist Record of Mississippi. On Monday, May 18, we read the bulletin and noticed the error. We immediately went to the desk of Dr. Hight C. Moore and reminded him that the minutes should read D. I. Young instead of T. W. Young. He assured us that he would make the proper correction. Therefore, we are not responsible for the error.—A. L. G.

Mississippi Baptists continue to march on. Receipts in the State Board office for August, 1942, were \$5,000 more than for August, 1941.

Linwood, Neshoba county, had 26 additions during their revival. Pastor R. K. Corder did the preaching. The church has a wide-awake Sunday school, BTU and WMU. We also have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Plans are being made for a new church building.—Clovis Young.

Washington's Twenty Per Cent Club: President Roosevelt told Congress on April 27, "We are now spending, solely for war purposes, the sum of \$100,000,000 every day of the week. But before this year is over that rate of expenditure will be doubled." That means the war is, at present, costing every man, woman and child in the United States—including Washington, D. C.—about \$1.00 per day. Washington residents spent, in 1941, twenty per cent as much for alcoholic beverages, daily, per capita, as is now being spent daily, per capita, by the nation to win the victory over the Axis foe.

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick of Iwo, Nigeria, are not idling away their prolonged furlough in America. Dr. E. P. Aldredge writes that with the opening of the fall work at the American Baptist Theological Seminary (colored) in Nashville, Tennessee, both Mr. and Mrs. McCormick will serve as members of the faculty in the Seminary and the Training School.

TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW PROVIDENCE: You are receiving The Baptist Record this week and will continue to receive it for the next five months. I am sending it to you with the tithe of the offering that you gave me during the recent revival there. I have decided to use the tithe in this way for I believe that it will bring the greatest blessing to you and your church. Every family in the church will get The Baptist Record for this period and I hope that each member of the family will read it, for if we do not read we will not be well-informed Christians and Baptists. Before this subscription expires find out how easy it will be for your church to continue to send The Baptist Record to EVERY FAMILY. May God bless you all. Your former pastor, Otho A. Eure.

Revival services at the Hickory Baptist Church closed Friday night, August 21, with three members coming by letter and ten on profession of faith. The pastor, the Rev. W. R. Medling, was in charge of the services and conducted the singing. Dr. D. L. Hill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Somerset, Ky., preached inspiring gospel messages during the week's services.—Reporter.

Some time ago I had the happy privilege of going back to my old home church, Old Fellowship, in Smith county, to assist in their revival. We found a very warm welcome awaiting us. Rev. Robert Bounds of Weathersby is the pastor. There were three additions.—W. H. Wood.

Rock Bluff, Rankin county: Dr. W. E. Green of Ellisville did the preaching in our annual revival. We also had a Vacation Bible school in connection with our meeting. Those in charge of the school were Myrtis Foster, Estelle Wood and Mrs. Mary Jones. There were 12 additions during the meeting.—W. H. Wood, pastor.

MERIDIAN WOMEN PROMOTE PLAN TO OUTLAW BEER AND WINE

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

You will be interested to know that steps are being taken to have the sale of wine and beer voted out of Lauderdale county. The movement originated in the Meridian Church Women's Council. Representatives from all churches in the council met with the City Council to offer cooperation in having the state dry laws enforced and to find out what would be necessary to stop the federal government from issuing license for sale of liquors in violation of state laws. There were 127 such licensed places in the county. The public officials were agreed that our first move in solving the problem would be to stop the sale of wine and beer.

A special meeting of the Church Women's Council was called for Saturday morning and definite action was taken to begin circulating the petition to call the election.

The Laymen's Evangelistic League Friday night voted unanimously not only to endorse the move made by the church women, but to get actively into the campaign to vote liquor in all its forms, out of the county.

The enclosed is a copy of the appeal made by Mrs. H. C. Parker, Baptist W. M. U. superintendent of Lauderdale county, to the Meridian City Council. It might be of value to all our Baptist constituency.

Thanking you and asking for your prayers, I am

Sincerely,

MRS. W. D. COOK.

I come representing the Baptist women of Meridian and Lauderdale county. Women the world over are bearing heavy burdens today. People everywhere feel that we live in an hour when each of us is peculiarly responsible for our lives and our influence. For some time the Baptist women have been dissatisfied with conditions in our county and city. We have discussed ways to improve and raise our moral standards. We have not gotten anywhere with it. Now we bring our problems to you. We believe you can solve them, or tell us how to solve them. Every time we see a boy from Key Field in uniform, we think of our own sons. We are giving them to our country today. Many of them are in camps all over the United States; many of them are in England, Australia and islands of the sea. We don't know what our boys are doing out there, far away from home. We do know what many of the boys are doing who are stationed here at Key Field. They are drinking a lot of liquor for one thing. We wonder how many of them are forming the habit, because they are homesick and discouraged. They are right at our door, and they are our responsibility. Many of these boys will pour out their life blood protecting us. Some of them may come back one-armed or shell-shocked. Now we have a duty just as binding to protect them from this liquor evil, as they have in protecting us from the enemy. We hope the good people in other localities will remove as many temptations as possible from our own sons, while we try to minister to these boys stationed here. We have this advantage: we have dry laws. Our problem is one of enforcement. That is the problem we are bring to you. We believe you can and will handle it when you know this group is 100% behind you. Tell us what we can do to help. It is a joint responsibility. When you see drunken soldiers all the way from the post office to Thirty-fifth avenue, as I did one Sunday night recently, no one person is to blame. We are all to blame. In discussing it with the Baptist women of Lauderdale county, I cried, but tears are not going to change this situation; it is going to take work; and more work and willingness to stand criticism and persistence. But I know that it can be done, if we band ourselves together and set for ourselves this task and stay with it until we will have a clean place to raise our children and for these soldier boys to live in until they go out to the battlefield to fight for us. We could talk a long time on our duty to our children and these dear boys, who are among us, but there is another side to the liquor question.

Most of our real thinkers of unbiased minds readily agree that the beer and liquor traffic are serious menaces to the entire program of defense

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATORS

In Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, and Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi Baptists have two excellent educators and administrators—Christian gentlemen, both of them.

In Mississippi College we have a school for young men and young women, towering in the midst of all institutions of education. Mississippi College is unique. Mississippi College is superior.

Blue Mountain College is second to none as a place of training for young women. There you will find culture and Christianity.

The influence of both girdle the globe!

Our boys and girls make no mistake in choosing these schools.

MEET OUR PRESIDENTS:



DR. LAWRENCE T. LOWREY

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Our formal opening exercises will be on Thursday morning, September 10. The two days preceding are for orientation of freshmen and registration of everybody.

We have received enough room reservation fees to engage every place in every room in every dormitory. Girls from nineteen states and three foreign countries have made reservations. A few, however, are dropping out because of marriage to lieutenants or acceptance of government positions. It seems that we shall open with virtually every place taken in all five of our dormitories.



DR. D. M. NELSON

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Prospects for a good opening at Mississippi College September 7 are bright. The Hillman dormitories are being filled to capacity with girls and even with the large number affected by the draft, many choice young men will be enrolled also.

In addition to those who will live in Chrestman and Ratliff dormitories and in the cottages for men, there will be many local boys and girls and a number of Jackson students who will live at home and come daily.

The Hillman-Mississippi College combination was a fortunate change.

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and that something needs to be done to remove this unnecessary barrier from our war efforts.

The American Business Men's Research Foundation recently issued the following statement: "Beverage alcohol has played an amazing part in undermining and ultimately bringing about the defeat of practically every nation that has lost the crucial decision on the field of battle or in conflict with other people."

In 1925 the great French editor Payot said: "Alcohol under the indifferent eye of authorities is destroying our nation." After the collapse of France, the government issued this statement: "Alcohol was the chief cause of the French army's collapse. Our boys couldn't fight—they drank too much liquor."

We have a few real thinkers left here in America who think that we better get serious about this war and decide whether we want to win it or forget about it in a national drunk. Seriously, the strategy of some of our leaders seems to be to drink our way to victory. Now if we want to know how that will work, we do not have to wait to see. We can just look back on Pearl Harbor. That could be called a laboratory experiment in drinking our way to victory. For seventy-seven days after December 7, 1941, prohibition was tried as an experiment at Pearl Harbor. If prohibition had been in effect

seventy-seven days before December 7, instead of after, we might have been saved the worst naval defeat this country has suffered in its 166 years of history, and we might have been saved the death of 3,000 sons, just as dear to their families as our sons are to us.

You are wondering how the experiment in prohibition worked out there. There was an average of three arrests per day against twenty-six arrests per day before prohibition.

A visitor to the city of Singapore wrote that the grandeur of the bar-rooms were not to be compared to anything he had seen anywhere else in the world. These bar-rooms were filled with English officers and soldiers. But the bar-room did not prove to be a good schoolroom for men with a world war on their hands. Where are those English lads and their officers today? Many of them are blacking the boots of the Japanese.

Now when you think of this, think from a national viewpoint. It is a gigantic task, but the best way to accomplish a big task is just get busy on the part nearest to you. So, in conclusion, I say for the Baptist women of Lauderdale county, we are ready to help enforce liquor laws in Lauderdale county. That is our local responsibility, and we will clean up one spot in our great nation.

Women have always been patriotic and loyal. We

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A BAPTIST BULWARK

Without daring to discredit any of our organizations or work, we would at the beginning of another associational season, impress upon our readers the importance of our associations. Unless it be the local church, no part of our denominational organization is so packed with potency and power than the associations. But the association reaches more people than either of these. Very few of our associations have less than 200 people in attendance; many have far more. If the average is 200, then the 72 associations in Mississippi will have a total minimum attendance of 14,400 people. We doubt if our state convention averages 1,000 per year.

While some churches push or support none, or at best a few of our denominational objects, the association usually finds time to hear about all.

The association is closer to the people than our other conventions. It is closer in distance and closer in feeling. Many people with good ideas about the work, who are timid in our conventions, feel free to speak out at the association.

It is closer because it can deal more intimately with local needs and situations. It is closer because it affords state and South-wide workers an opportunity to get acquainted with the front line workers and just plain Baptists.

It is closer because it affords an opportunity, and often the only one, for many to become acquainted with the work beyond the local church. In Mississippi the majority of our churches are quarter-time churches, and no quarter or half-time pastor can properly present all the objects and have enough preaching time left. We know of many instances where just one person at an association caught a vision of the needs of our work and went back to their church and helped lead the church to greater accomplishments.

The association is closer because it enables each church to report its own work and to compare its achievements with the achievements of other churches. This often results in added efforts upon the part of some churches. They see what nearby churches have done, and decide that they can do likewise.

The association has no authority over churches; every Baptist church is a democracy within itself. No outside person, persons, or organization can exercise any authority over a Baptist church. Messengers are elected by the churches. These messengers compose the association. They can only counsel and plan. Churches may, and usually do, abide by the decisions, plans and programs which their messengers and the messengers of other churches in the association adopt. But they do it voluntarily and not because anyone forces them to do so.

The boundaries of our associations are likewise in the hands of the churches. A small number or a large number of churches voluntarily band themselves together for mutual good. In Mississippi the George County Association is composed of the five Baptist churches in that county. This is the smallest number of churches in an association in the state. The largest is the Calhoun County Association, with forty churches.

In view of the power which our associations exert, and the large number of people and churches touched, and because churches are free to accept or reject the actions of the association, much time and thought should be given to preparing a program that will inform, inspire and energize those so fortunate as to attend our associational meetings.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, one of our strongest denominational leaders, writing on "The District Association," in *Charity and Children* (North Carolina), tells of an "experiment" the association in which he lives and of which he is moderator, is making. The first thing they did, he says, was to decide on a one-day meeting instead of two days—because

the second day has scarcely a "corporal's guard" in attendance.

Second, they eliminated the introductory sermon—"Why should one-fourth of the time of the association be taken to hear what every person in the body hears or may hear every month, and, if they wish to do so, hear every Sunday?"

Third, no reports are read except that of the executive committee—"Why should good time be taken for some brother to read a well-prepared (perhaps) report on Home Missions, Orphanages, etc., when he does not know any more about it than any other messenger in the group? And why use valuable space in the minutes and spend, therefore, the Lord's money for a thing which is read by practically no one except the clerk, the printer and the man who wrote it?"

A good association, in the words of Arthur Flake, "Doesn't just happen." It takes planning, promoting, work and more work. Much of this must be done by the moderator. Some few moderators say they don't lead out in preparing programs and promoting their association for fear of criticism. While they may be honest in their attitude, we rather prefer to be criticized for doing SOMETHING rather than be criticized for doing NOTHING.

We believe the best persons in the association should be asked either to report or speak on the various subjects. We remember program committees putting people on a program, "So they will come." That is expensive attendance. And people should be used who "practice what they preach." Recently a pastor told us that he declined to make a report on "The Brotherhood" because he didn't have a Brotherhood in his church. He was exactly right. One of the driest speeches we ever heard at an association was a very earnest and passionate Foreign Mission plea by a pastor whose churches never had (during his pastorate) given anything to Foreign (or any other kind) Missions.

Our chief concern now is that our associations are so planned as to get the maximum results from the meetings. Every messenger should go home a better Baptist, better prepared to promote the things that need promoting, and Kingdom builders with a vision.

As our associations meet led everyone concerned see that the people who come are fed and not fooled, helped and not hindered. It is foolish and wasteful as well as detrimental to Kingdom affairs to allow messengers to come to an association, leaving their work or household duties, and then get nothing worthwhile and go back to their churches without any enlarged vision or any added determination to go forward.

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"THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH"

Every whiskey maker, every saloon keeper, every night club manager, every newspaper editor who champions liquor, every bootlegger, every person who says conditions would be better with liquor legalized, every drunkard, every person beginning to drink, should be forced to read the note printed below. It was written by a man in Jackson a short while before he committed suicide by drowning in Pearl river at Jackson:

"Dear Warren:

"I am going out to Pearl river bridge and end my miserable life, that I have ruined with damnable whiskey. Please call my brother at —, Ky. All my good clothes are in storage at Allreds. Mrs. Easterling owns one-half interest in drag line. We owe Alvie Goolsby a bal. of \$65.00 on it. I have in the lock box a \$5000 policy I am to nervous to write, Good bye and good luck.

"Steve."

"The wages of sin is death."

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Dr. J. W. Storer has coined a new word, so far as our knowledge of words go. We have heard men declare that they are optimists, pessimists, or realists, but Dr. Storer declares that he is none of these, but that he is a "hopeist." It is hard, indeed, in these days to choose a word which is descriptive of our attitude toward the future. We know, however, that our God makes no mistakes.—Watchman-Examiner

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

HONESTY

Elton Barlow, Lucien, Miss.

Many times in recent years accusations have been made against church people (sometimes even preachers) that "that person will not pay his debts." I wonder if such accusation could be true. Let me plead with every reader of this article that we make every effort to make this not be true any more.

There are at least three reasons why a thing like this should not exist. First, it comes in the class of thievery and robbery. Second, this is one of the many things that becomes a stumbling block in the way of the people of the world. Third, to sum it all up, it is sin, and what is sin should be left off, and it must be left off for us to be pleasing to God.

The person who was dishonest before becoming a Christian should, as soon as possible, go to the one whom he has wronged and try to make things right. That is one evidence of genuine conversion. Zacchaeus did this. He said, "If I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold." The reason for Zacchaeus to say this was the fact that he had been born anew; he had given up the life of sin and had taken on the life in Christ; he had been regenerated; he had become a new creature. He wanted his past mistakes corrected, his past wrongdoings made right. He knew Jesus had forgiven him and no longer would hold him guilty of the sins he had committed. But he wanted his fellowmen whom he had wronged to know that his new religion was not a lip profession but a heart possession.

You and I as Christians have as our supreme task pointing others to our Saviour, and in order for us to do that, our lives must be pure and clean. The world will accept our lives before they will accept our words. The Christian religion is a life. One of the worst blots on the lives of professed Christians is dishonesty.

It should never be said that "people once could be trusted but now they cannot." God expects no less of His people now than He did in years gone by. The Bible standards of living are always the same. God expects us at all times to deal fairly with our fellowmen. Jesus gave to the lawyer as the commandment in the law which was second in importance, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." I take the position that one has not met the first unless he meets the second also. One who deals dishonestly with his fellowmen does not love his neighbor as himself.

You want everybody at all times to be honest with you, don't you? I do. Remember the Golden Rule. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." Are we doing that? We should.

Is one a Christian who is dishonest? You answer this in your own heart. We know a tree by its fruit. We determine whether or not one is a Christian by his life. The best argument for Christianity is the Christian. Jesus says, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." God's word definitely tells us not to steal.

Let us plead with everyone who reads this article that we do our part to bring back the days when man can trust man, when one's word is his bond. If we were all this way one would never have to sign a promissory note. Let's buy only what we need. Let's live within our income. Let us all be good business men and women. Also let's teach our children to be that way.

This is one item of Christianity that has been on my heart for a long time. For it has been given to me by people of the world as the thing that was keeping them out of the churches. I know they should not excuse themselves on this or any other ground. But the truth remains that the dishonest person of the church becomes a stumbling block. Others have said, "I don't have any confidence in that one, for he beat a debt."

Let's "owe no one anything save to love one another." In the name of Christ let us live our profession.

OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

REPEAL DIDN'T ELIMINATE POISON BOOZE AND BOOTLEGGERS

"Poison alcohol, which was consumed during the week-end, was blamed by Asheville health authorities today for the death of eight negroes and one white man and the critical illness of another negro. The victims obtained the poison liquor from four separate locations in the city, police officers stated after an investigation."

This story comes from Asheville, North Carolina. North Carolina is one of the Southern states which, dry before national prohibition, voted wet again after repeal of national prohibition. Citizens of that state, like citizens of other states, were persuaded that repeal, with "control" of manufacture and sale of liquor, would end bootlegging, abolish the worst bootlegging dives, yield revenue, reduce illicit distilling, and protect drinking citizens against "poison" liquor.

This story is but one of many reminders from North Carolina and other states that none of these promises was redeemed and none of these reforms and protections accomplished by repeal.—Clarion-Ledger.

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From Miss Gladys Bryant, who was V. B. S. principal, we learn that Bethel Baptist Church in Jones county has just closed its first Vacation Bible school. Forty-three were enrolled with an average attendance of 31. The school was held during the revival meeting. Rev. V. C. Windham of Escatawpa, Miss., did the preaching. Six came into the church on profession of faith. Rev. G. G. Mooney is pastor of this church.

Being three score and ten, I do not hope again to pastor a city church, but as my health is good, would consider a country group of churches. I am entering upon my sixth year as teacher of the men's Bible class at Grace Memorial church.—O. B. Harris, Station A, Gulfport, Miss.

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NEW CONVENTION PRESIDENT MAKES SUGGESTIONS

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victory crusade against all forces of evil that seek to destroy our spiritual concepts of democracy and Christianity. War against evil must always be, largely, a man's war. Therefore, it is time for us as laymen to "put on the whole armor of God" if the battle is to be won. As we think upon the challenging months before us, it might be well for us to concentrate on a few definite objectives of the many worthy ones incident to the development of our denominational life.

Win the War We Must

Before suggesting any other objectives, it must of course be thoroughly understood that our first business is to win the war. Neither the pulpit nor the pew can shirk responsibility in love and devotion to our country. Down through the generations, freedom has been bought with blood. The conflict of carnage and conquest into which we have been forced involves the life of Christianity around the world. No one should be so blindly conscious or so spiritually top-heavy that he would not be willing to carry arms to repel an invading foe. At times we need to fight as well as pray. We are all, the last one of us, in this war, this earth-encircling war, to fight and to win. Each individual must find his place to fight, work or pray. It takes fifteen workers on the ground to maintain one pilot in the air. For every boy who carries a gun there must be at least eighteen behind the firing line. On with the battle, with every Christian soldier at his post!

Conservation of Manpower

When we have won the war and the battle flags have been furled in "the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World," our implements of destruction will be worthless in the marts of trade but our manpower will be at a premium throughout the depleted world. To produce and preserve

our manpower capable of rebuilding a new civilization, we must maintain in their pristine power and prestige our churches and colleges, out of which flow the manhood and womanhood that make a country great. Let us, therefore, amid the roar of battle, lift higher our church steeples and broaden the foundations of our Christian colleges. To neglect them is to throw our country on the rocks and send it to its everlasting doom.

Debt Free in '43

Our Convention should be debt free in nineteen and forty-three. Looking to this high end, practical, prayerful plans should be made. This thought should challenge the imagination and nerve the arm of every layman to do the heroic. Debts sap the strength of organizations as well as individuals. With our consciences shamed by the neglect of our Christian stewardship, let every layman lead the way in a unified determination to get under our financial burdens, to lift and labor, tug and toil until our denominational obligations are met. When this is accomplished, Southern Baptists can march forward with giant limbs unshackled, a debt-free people in, we hope, a war-free world.

An Informed Constituency

Southern Baptists in general, and we laymen in particular, do little because we do not know. We have not informed ourselves concerning our financial needs. We have not taken seriously our individual responsibility of educating ourselves as to the program of our denomination. This year, many of us believe we ought to place a state Baptist paper in every Baptist home in our Southern Baptist territory. We believe, also, that the most satisfactory way to achieve this objective is to place the denominational paper in the church budget as some churches are already doing, thus allowing the paper to become a weekly visitor in each home. Our people must be educated or we perish. Our denominational papers are the medium through which we may inform ourselves about our church life, our denominational program in the homeland and wherever the gospel is preached by Southern Baptists. Let our laymen this year, uniting with all the organizations in our churches, commit themselves to a wholehearted effort to place our Baptist state papers in every Baptist home in the Southland. When this is done, a new day for kingdom progress will dawn. An informed church constituency assures a growing Christian vision and an ever-widening horizon of service.

An Enemy Within Our Gates

We have one enemy, a Trojan Horse, within our very gates. It is an age-old enemy—the whiskey traffic. It is a crime against national defense. We should have a sober soldiery to fight the battles of democracy. Whiskey is the prolific mother of evils. Vice seeks it and virtue flees from it. The pathway of life is strewn with the victims of its blighting breath. Our boys, in war and in peace, should be rated higher than booze. We laymen could rout from our army camps this devouring and destructive enemy of ours if we would.

A Better Tomorrow

There will be a Tomorrow. Though we are living in a world dedicated to pillage and plunder, to death and destruction, there will be a big, bright better tomorrow. We are carving a new image for the pantheon of history. When peace comes to this war-torn world and this image of a new personality is perfected it must have the divine stamp. If not, we fight in vain. To accomplish this we must keep the fires brightly burning on these American shores, in our homes, our churches and colleges—the lighthouses of the world. This responsibility is ours—we laymen who hold the lifeline behind the battleline.

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When the Southern Baptist missionary repatriates docked at Rio de Janeiro, en route to New York, they received a royal welcome from the Brazilian missionaries located in Rio. Miss Minnie Landrum of that city writes: "My, how we did enjoy the Baptist missionaries from the Orient! It was certainly a wonderful experience to have them with us for this short visit and we thank God that the Gripsholm came by Rio. All Rio missionaries met the ship and we tried to divide the party into groups, and missionaries who could, served as guides to show them around and help them with their shopping."

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

FOR SEPTEMBER

Evangelism—Association and Church.
Cooperative Program.
Association meetings.
Now Club Support.
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
W. M. U. Training School.
State Mission Week of Prayer, 14-17.
B. T. U. Study Course.
Tithes and Offerings According to Scriptures.

MERIDIAN WOMEN PROMOTE PLAN TO OUTLAW BEER AND WINE

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say to our county: We will help to win this war; we will give our time; we will give our money; we will give our prayers; we give our sons. But we want them to fight a good fight. If they fall in battle, we want them to fall with a clean breath and a clear head, fighting as befits a man fighting for the greatest country God ever provided for a people.

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RIDGECREST FOREIGN MISSION WORK

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million dollars. That amount will certainly be needed as more and more the world becomes war-impooverished. The debt on the Board is steadily being reduced, and our hope is that it may be completely wiped out by the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention next year.

The Board appointed nine new missionaries, seven for China and two for Syria. It is the judgment of our members that we have not appointed at any time a group that measured higher in culture, ability and general missionary quality. What an inspiration it was to see these fine young people, one young man and eight young women, dedicating their all to the service of our Lord in foreign lands! On the evening following their appointment they were introduced by Dr. Maddry to the assembly. They gave their brief testimonies, and, surrounded on the platform by a large group of returned missionaries, were borne up to the Lord in a prayer of dedication led by Dr. W. O. Carver. Seldom have I seen a congregation so deeply moved as this one was on that occasion.

During the conferences these lately returned missionaries brought messages hot out of recent rich experiences on their fields. Through their eyes we were permitted to view our distraught world. Truly it is a world "white unto harvest." As in other great crises of the world's life, God seems to be using the present crisis as a means for making fallow the soil for the sowing of the seeds of His kingdom. The Foreign Mission Board sees this as the most momentous day for Southern Baptists in world missions, and is making its plans to act in the light of that vision. May our people, through their prayers, their increased offerings, and the dedication of their youth, support the Board in this vision.

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Blue Mountain: Dr. J. S. Riser led a meeting for people in working clothes, August 23-29. He announced, "We want people to come right on, wearing the clothes which they wear each day." The services were held in a vacant store building. The singing was led by Roy Randle.

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Holly Springs: Our church recently took a religious census and here are some of the facts found: Fifteen junior boys and girls unsaved, five intermediates, seven young people, twenty-five adults. There are fifty-one Baptists who are members elsewhere. The census also showed there are 50 adult members of the church, who, according to their own testimony, are not members of the Sunday school.—Reporter.

Liberty Hill, Panola county: Recently Rev. M. S. Varnado, a former Mississippian, was the visiting pastor in our annual revival. There were 23 additions, all of them by baptism.—Harry Borah, pastor.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

KEESLER FIELD: "The men here in the hospital as well as those all over the field attend the services in large numbers. I hold five religious services on Sunday beginning at 8 a. m. in the Red Cross Recreational Hall of the hospital. It is a wonderful sight to see men come to the hospital services in casts, on crutches, and in wheel chairs. They all are so hungry for the Word of God." (Quoted from a chaplain's letter.) On a recent visit here we were told by this chaplain's assistant that during the first three Sundays of August, 229 of these young men had made a personal profession of faith in Christ following this chaplain's sermons. What evangelism!

CAMP SHELBY: A Sunday spent in Hattiesburg immediately following a "pay day" at Shelby revealed the bigness of this army training center. Literally thousands of soldiers packed the streets, cafes, hotel lobbies, U. S. O. building, soldier recreational center, shooting galleries, picture shows, bus stations and all public places. The churches also came in for their share of attention. Only three drunken soldiers were seen during our twelve-hour visit, and two of these were in the custody of the military police. The other had just arrived on a bus from a city where liquor flowed freely.

You hear, you see and you wonder, who is to blame? Think this over: Should law and order break down it will be because the Christian citizens have failed in the discharge of their duties. Crime, drunkenness, prostitution and the like rage only in that county or state and nation where law and opposition are weak.

ITTA BENA: Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Storie, pastor and wife, of the First Baptist Church here, have written a booklet and called it "God's Word of Comfort and Consolation." They have offered to this department voluntarily any number that we want to be mailed to churches or chaplains for distribution among service men. This gracious gift has been accepted and orders have been mailed with a request that same be repeated in about 90 days. This is a work of faith, according to the Stories. God supplies the necessary funds.

CHICAGO: An organization printing thousands of the "Acts of the Apostles," "Epistle to the Romans," and choice scriptures in booklet form called "Pocket Treasury," has already furnished several thousand at our request. During this week another large order was mailed for more of these portions of the scriptures, and here is just one of the reasons: "It is almost impossible to keep enough New Testaments and good booklets to furnish the needs of the men."—From a chaplain's letter dated August 16, 1942.

BOSTON: According to a newspaper columnist, our own President Roosevelt has three sons in service who have been under enemy fire in this war. Pray more for our Commander-in-Chief and criticize him less, unless you have four sons in our nation's armed forces.

PEARL HARBOR: Medical records show that doctors were not caught napping on December 7. Their performance was nothing short of marvelous. With 560 casualties treated in sixteen hours, only four out of one hundred were lost. This is a new record were serious burns are concerned.

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Judge Joseph Zottoli, associate justice of the Boston municipal court, says, "War-time prohibition and the Eighteenth Amendment reduced inmates of jails and houses of correction from a 40 year average of 25,000 to 4,300 and brought an 86.5 percent drop from legalized liquor times. Today we are just where we were 40 years ago. What has caused this? Nothing but liquor!"

Evangelist A. D. Muse of Memphis has recently closed a meeting at Van Wert, Ohio. He is now at Montrose, Colorado, in a meeting.

THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

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show to the world our devotion to the cause of Christ, and determine whether the coming year shall be one of progress or one of decline?

The 915 associations led by the 915 moderators in the annual associational meetings this fall can set the pace, shape the plans, and guide in the selection of right leaders that will largely guarantee a year of great achievement in every phase of Baptist work.

Opportunities and needs beyond the imagination are evidently in the immediate future. The present war has shown the wisdom, yea, the essentiality of adequate preparation for emergencies. Surely wisdom demands that the next year and the next shall be days, weeks, and months of preparation for whatever lies ahead for the churches and denominational agencies.

Any expansion achieved and any improvement noted in Baptist life will be the result of better work in the churches. Therefore, the purpose of the association is to provide opportunities for co-operation of the churches, periods of fellowship for the representatives from the churches, meetings for conference, study, and planning by the workers in the churches, information that will disturb and interest leaders of the churches, and plans that will be accepted and that will produce results in the churches.

Conditions may vary and approaches may of necessity have to be different in associations. However, there are some primal needs that are common in every association.

First, leaders, officers, and teachers with an unshakable faith in God, with a burning conviction that the message of Christ is the supreme need of individuals, and that the program of Christ is the supreme business of churches, are needed in every church today. An association, by planning frequent associational meetings and definite associational training schools, either central or group, can help to develop such workers and leaders in the churches.

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Second, workers who are better prepared for their assigned tasks are needed in every church. An association has a majority opportunity here. Let the associational moderator, in conference with the other associational officers, outline and recommend the maximum number of association-wide training efforts for the next year. Let the courses of study, the objectives, and the teachers for these training efforts be selected with care. Let these association-wide training efforts be publicized, promoted, and held.

Third, larger plans and programs are possible in the churches. Let it be urged in the associations this fall that the churches increase their budgets now. Let the suggestion be made that churches start and push a building fund while prices are good. Plan for an association-wide simultaneous Sunday school or Training Union enlargement campaign.

Fourth, an adequate program of evangelism is needed. In every association there is room for more Sunday schools. New Sunday schools provide additional evangelistic opportunities. Regular soul-winning efforts and more revival meetings in the churches, backed up by a program of Bible teaching and training and supported by a program of Sunday school enlargement and visitation that will reach the lost, will be resultful in any church.

Fifth, regular associational meetings are needed today more than during the immediate past. Because of problems and difficulties, people need more encouragement now. Because of increasing needs, people need more help now. Because retrenchment in plans, meetings, and efforts will have a discouraging, deadening influence in the churches, the need is for more meetings, greater efforts, and intensified zeal now.

In the annual associational meetings this fall, may plans be made that will assure great advancement in the churches and greater opportunities for all denominational agencies for the months ahead.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Grenada Association

The association season started on August 27 at Holcomb. Pastor W. F. Garner and the Holcomb people planned well for the entertainment of the Grenada County Association. A good program had been prepared, and Moderator Wiley makes a good presiding officer. He knows how to be fair in the allotment of time and also how to stay on time.

Officers elected were: Dr. G. E. Wiley, moderator; Rev. W. F. Garner, vice-moderator; Mrs. Geo. Criss, clerk.

We were given fifteen minutes to present The Baptist Record, and we really had some good news. We told them that the circulation was growing and that we were operating without a deficit, and that the EVERY FAMILY Plan was meeting with more and more favor day by day.

As evidence that the EVERY FAMILY Plan pays, we give some figures taken from the chart displayed at the Grenada Association.

Three churches gave nothing to the Cooperative Program. All were non-EVERY FAMILY churches. Three churches gave nothing to the Now Club, all were non-EVERY FAMILY churches. Five non-EVERY FAMILY churches gave a total (through the Convention Board) of \$99.10. BUT four EVERY FAMILY churches gave a total of \$5,078.02. The five non-EVERY FAMILY churches averaged 27c per member. The four EVERY FAMILY churches averaged \$3.93 per member. However, included in the EVERY FAMILY churches is a city church. To be absolutely fair we omit the city church and find that the three EVERY FAMILY churches, all in the country, gave a total of \$308.64, compared to a total of \$99.10 for the five non-EVERY FAMILY churches. And counting only country churches, the EVERY FAMILY churches averaged \$1.02 per member while the non-EVERY FAMILY churches averaged 27c per member. We draw no conclusions from these figures but it does seem to us that the EVERY FAMILY churches just get around better. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Baptist Record readers in Grenada county are listed as follows: GRENADA FIRST 111, Grenada Rt. 1 1/4, HARDY STATION 25, HOLCOMB 21, PROVIDENCE 17.

DR. CROUCH SAYS:

"Our denominational papers are of inestimable value to all of



Dr. Crouch

Executive Secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

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Liquor interests exploit war effort: The Brewers Journal of May, 1941, said, "Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer-consuming section of our population."

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

State Mission Week Of Prayer Sept. 14-17

MISSISSIPPI—OUR JUDEA

Mississippi is OUR JUDEA. Acts 1:8. As we study that much-loved Gospel of John we find Judea playing a part in the life of Jesus in almost every chapter. What He must have meant to Judea!

Certainly, we dare not be unfaithful to our Judea. Yet, maybe we have been unfaithful, for are there not 700,000 lost people about us in Mississippi?

What are we doing in our Judea as Mississippi Baptists in obeying the marching orders of Jesus? Acts 1:8.

Our two state evangelists last year won to Christ over 700 persons. In addition, churches were built up and helped. We put \$5,800 into this work for 1942. We need \$20,000 for it! We also provided \$650 for our great Evangelistic Conference at Clinton—probably our best meeting of the year.

Our more than a half hundred State Mission pastors won over 1,000 persons to Christ and baptized them last year. A pastoral evangelism and mission fund of \$8,800 is provided this year for this work. We need \$20,000 in this fund.

State Missions supports Brotherhood work in meager fashion. We need to enlarge greatly here.

State Missions helps to support the W. M. U. Auxiliary camps. Almost 200 of our boys and girls were saved in these camps last year. Others have been saved in them this year.

State Missions helps in the Indian and Negro work. Baptists are hardly scratching the surface here, however.

We are this year through State Missions helping erect over 30 houses of worship.

Through our departments—Training Union, Sunday school and B. S. U.—Mississippi Baptists are working with Jesus in building His church and bringing in His Kingdom. What a contribution these departments have made to the lives of the old and young!

Through State Missions, provision is also made for the aged and disabled ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are doing State Mission work in six camps, where we work among over 100,000 soldiers.

Our Needs: Despite all these fruits of grace, there are 150 churchless areas in Mississippi—our Judea. This figure is a compilation from reports by Board members. Many people in our Mississippi have never been told about Jesus. Weak churches and struggling pastors call for help almost every week.

Surely our God is looking to Mississippi Baptists to be faithful in their Judea!

You minister in your Judea when—you pray for the workers and the lost; you win one about you to Christ; you help the saved about you; you strengthen His church locally; you give through the Cooperative Program (25% goes to State Missions); you designate offerings for State Missions at any time, particularly the W. M. U. Week of Prayer for State Missions in September, and, State Mission Day in the Sunday school in October.

The Word of God stresses faithfulness "at home" in these words: "If any provide not for his own—he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." I Timothy 5:8.

May our God help us as Mississippi Baptists to be faithful at home in our Judea—Mississippi.

—D. A. McCALL.

CORRECTION: In the listing of the gifts for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong for Home Missions, Magnolia W. M. U. was not credited with any amount for either. However, there was received in the office this week, \$74.82 for the Annie Armstrong offering and \$63.60 for the Lottie Moon Offering.

Idi Aba, Abeokuta
Nigeria, West Africa
May 6, 1942

Dear Friends:

The school work is going on just fine. Since Miss

Truly left in March, Miss Perry and I are the only missionaries at the school. Her furlough is overdue and my third year will be up in February of 1943. She really needs to go home and may if Dr. Green can arrange for someone to help me. I know that I cannot do the work as she does but if it is for her best interest I shall try, with the help of another, to "hold the fort" for her. Since we put in the extra class last year between the Standard Six and the Normal Department, we have no seniors in the Normal Department this year, only the Class III or preparatory girls and the Normal I. We have thirty girls in all. Almost all of them are Christians. Many are working in the villages on Sunday; others are teaching a Sunday school class here at the school.

We have just finished—at least two weeks ago—with the Nigerian Convention. It met here this time. That was my very first experience in catering for so large a crowd but everyone was most helpful and considerate. It was really a joy to work for them. Miss Perry and I divided the work. She looked after the rooms and I the food. The Convention was most successful and deeply spiritual, especially toward the end. All seemed to be really trying to do what was for the best interest of all. About forty-five of my girls here became Maidens and about thirty-five became Ladies-in-Waiting. That means that they have finished the first or the second year's work in the Forward Steps. There were many more in all of Nigeria. They had charge of the last session of the W. M. U. Convention and I think did well. Next year we hope to have many who have finished the work for the three years. Much interest is being shown in this work. We were very sorry that Miss Young could not be with us for the Convention. We thought of her often. Until she comes I shall continue with the work of the G. A's.

You would have laughed if you had seen me today. The wind blew away the top to our laundry shed and we have not yet had a chance to replace it. Each Tuesday, except today, we have been fortunate in that it did not rain and put the fire out—the fire under the irons which we use for ironing. Today it was raining so I knew that something must be done and done by me. I began thinking and searching for old pieces of iron or something to try to make a new fireplace for the irons. Finally I made one that worked nicely. I couldn't help laughing at myself as I watched myself and thought about the fact that never before had I dreamed of doing such a thing. Here you just do or at least try to do. I wrote you too about my cutting the graduation dresses and helping the girls to make them, didn't I? Yes, I was surprised and afraid too but Miss Anderson had gone and Miss Perry had as much to do as she could do. But they actually wore them. Really they looked nice but I just give the credit to the Lord for guiding me for that was my very first experience in cutting anything for anyone else. I had to be careful too for there was only enough cloth in Nigeria to make the ten dresses and only the three yards of cloth for each dress. One night I suddenly discovered that I had cut one that was too small for one girl and too big for the others. Besides the others did not need it for I had cut theirs. I didn't know what to do so I just prayed about it. After I was ready to get in the bed something told me what to do to the dress. I got up, and changed it as I felt led. The next day when I tried it on the large girl it fit exactly. I'm sure I know now how Mary Slessor felt when she was making her house.

I have not been to the villages since Miss Truly left for I have charge of her Inquirers' class each Sunday morning. We are studying a little book written by Dr. Carson. It is very practical and one that is needed. The title is "A Victorious Christian." It lists and discusses the things which a victorious Christian does not do. The girls are showing a great interest. I am still working in the

villages in the sense that I am working through some of my girls. I try to help them in their plans and problems. We have a special prayer meeting here for that work. We meet each Monday night.

We are certainly enjoying the gramophone which some friends sent. It has been a real help in the village work as well as in the school. Many people come to hear it. When they come, then we seize the opportunity to speak with them about Christ. Then too I just enjoy listening to the hymns and other songs. It has certainly given many hours of pleasure to me and to my girls as well as to the missionaries.

We were very happy to hear that the W. M. U. there through the "over and above" Christmas offering is giving us the money to buy the land for a church to be used in connection with the school. As the natives would say, "A dupe lowo Olorun. A dupe o." We do thank God and we thank you for your thinking of us. The church, I am sure, will mean much to the spiritual life of the school. The trees for the front yard of the church are just about the right size now. They are lovely Caserina ones, somewhat like our cedars.

Our Christmas here at Idi Aba was a quiet but a very happy one. Misses Lair, Smith and Graves visited us. It was good just to be here at home for Christmas. I do thank all of you for the many lovely things which you sent. Almost all of them came about December 28 but that was all right. I was very glad. They made my new year a happy one. Before Christmas the juniors in the Normal Department gave a Christmas play and a reception in honor of the seniors. The play was most impressive and the reception—the very first one that most of them had ever attended—was most successful. There were many amusing things about it which I hope I don't forget to tell you when I see you for you would enjoy them, but I'd rather not write them. At the end of the reception we had a Christmas tree. Each girl received one gift. One girl, when she had looked at all the decorations for awhile, said, "You know it is just like heaven, isn't it?" And she was so sincere I knew she meant it. Sometimes we forget that so little means so much to them.

I don't know whether I have told you of the children I am helping, either some or all, or not, but I have four girls and two boys at present. One of my best girls graduated last year and is now teaching in the day school at Iwo. She is a good teacher, they say. I have one now in Standard I, two in Standard V, one girl in class III, one boy in Standard II and one in Standard III. All are doing well in school and seem to be worthy of help. My baby girl—the one in Standard I—is the daughter of one of our most active Baptist families. Her mother is a W. M. U. worker and her father is the Baptist field worker for all Nigeria.

About a year ago I made a statement that if the rest of my tour were as happy as the first part, then I could ask no more. Now I repeat that statement. I am still very happy—more than happy and more conscious than ever of His definite leadership. I wish that I might share the joy of some of my experiences with each of you there who by your money, your interest or your prayers are making possible my work here.

Much love and prayers,

Your missionary,

WILLIE KATE BALDWIN.

—BR—

If you would help and cheer your men in service, write them constant and newsy letters about the home and the community which they have left. They are glad to receive small parcels showing your thoughtfulness and love, but they appreciate even more the letters that come from home. Chaplains assure us that "letters and more letters" are the things which the men appreciate the most.—Exchange.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

MORE EVANGELISM

The Grenada Association is the first to meet this season. The following telegram is self-explanatory:

"WESTERN UNION

"GRENADA, MISS. AUG. 28 P. M. 1:44

"D. A. MCCALL, SECTY.

"MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD,
JACKSON, MISS.

"GRENADA ASSOCIATION VOTES ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO GO FULL FLEDGED INTO THE NINETEEN FORTY THREE STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE. SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION TO ALL PASTORS.

"G. E. WILEY."

If seventy other associations will follow with like action Heaven's Chorus will grow louder.

Pastor C. M. Day, Liberty, writes that they are in on this Crusade.

Brother Griffin writes that the Pearl River Ministers' Association voted unanimously to lead their association in the 1943 Soul Winning Crusade.

I

DR. TRUETT COMING!

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS! Dr. George W. Truett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, on yesterday personally accepted the invitation to speak at our 1943 EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE, JANUARY 18-21, Clinton. He is Heaven's and Earth's great preacher for our day and generation. Thus, God continues to smile on Mississippi Baptist life and work.

Some 1200-1500 people attended our last service this year. We expect 2,000-3,000 to be present in January.

All this adds impetus to the great STATEWIDE SOUL WINNING CRUSADE lasting at least three months, immediately following the Evangelistic Conference, when nearly 300,000 White Baptists and 350,000 Negro Baptists, of Mississippi, major in Evangelism.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

P. S.—Written at Ridgecrest, Sunday, August 22, 1942.—D. A. McCall.

II



We present Shady Grove church over in the Delta section. Rev. Charles Sandifer is pastor. This church is the outgrowth of Morrison Chapel. It is

the way of God for His churches to multiply.

Mrs. Myrtle McKnight gives her time and auto to the service of Christ through this church. She recently donated a \$250 accordion as the church had no instrument.

Congratulations to all those who stand by His Cross!

Miss Carolyn Madison, State Mission worker, recently spent a week there in His service.

They plan a new building!

Since writing the above paragraph news comes that they have built them a new church. Doxology!

III

The Spirit of Evangelism in Mississippi continues to grow. Pastor Pate of Iuka writes that there were over twenty conversions in the revival with Pastor Hamilton and his people at Paden. A few days later he was at Salem nearby where several conversions were witnessed. Thirty persons were baptized following the meetings at Tishomingo, Paden and Highland.

Pastor R. A. Morris, Newton, writes that officials of his church have voted to lead the church in the 1943 Evangelistic effort. We expect it to become unanimous in Mississippi.

IV

One of our fine spirited pastors wrote recently about a community as follows: "This community presents a pitiful case. The people do not know what to believe. They have heard so many different brands of so-called Baptist preachers. The Lord is blessing our efforts and it seems we are gaining ground in spite of the devil and in spite of the new-fangled doctrine of preaching in these two counties. Please pray for us."

V

The following letter from Brother E. D. Estes, State Evangelist, shows more

REAL STATE MISSIONS

"I know that you will rejoice with us in our good revival with New Hope Baptist Church, Yalobusha county, with 41 additions and 29 baptisms. Brother J. H. Sherman, pastor, is one of our missionary pastors. I did the baptizing for him by his request. I also sold said church two 'Now Club Certificates,' numbers 267-268—\$36.00 each. They will do more later.

"Sincerely yours,

E. D. ESTES."

VI



EVANGELISM

Bethany Baptizing

"Then they that gladly received His word were baptized." Acts 2:41!

Matt. 3:13-17, example of Jesus!

Romans 6:1-10, instructions of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul.

In the above picture we see Pastor Curtis Askew, in obedience to the word of God, ready to bury 26 persons in baptism, in the water of Sunflower river.

One of our State Mission Evangelists, M. E. Perry, did the preaching. Pastor Askew is one of our State Mission pastors.

That is the State Missions you support with your prayers and money!

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part
To win that soul for Thee!"

VII

STATE MISSIONS

One of your State missionaries went to a church twelve miles out in the country for a series of services. That church had never had a Training Union or a Missionary Society. For three and one-

half years they had neither preaching service nor Sunday school. Reason: While the church was pastorless two deacons invited two different preachers to "hold the meeting." That will not work any more than it will work for a boy to have two girls at the same time. His "best girl" is going to find out about that other girl and then he will be looking for another "best girl." Your State missionary went for that meeting in October. Two men were settling a \$50.00 account, one of them, a member of this church. He invited the other man to stay for revival services. The other replied, "You having a revival meeting in the winter time? That is like killing hogs in the summer time." Your State missionary interspersed with this remark, "Chicken is in season in the winter as well as in the summer, and vice versa."

Seven persons were saved Wednesday night. Eleven persons were saved Thursday night. Twenty-one persons were saved Friday night. Forty-two people were baptized at the close of this series. One young person was observed to lead five others to Christ on Friday night. A Sunday school was started and the attendance soon passed the 150 mark.

That is State MISSIONS!

VIII

Many people with saved souls are losing their lives! And nothing promotes this condition more than a divorced church membership.

When we approach such Christians they are usually ready to give some ancient objection, such as:

1. "The old church is weak, and needs me to keep it alive!" He made churches to keep you alive. Churches were made for men, and not men for churches.

2. "I am not sure how long I will be here." No one is sure how long he will be living. But a church letter is easier to move than a suitcase or a trunk.

3. "My people are all members there." But if you can stand to sever your physical relations with them for material comforts, surely you can afford to break this sentimental tie for your soul's welfare.

4. "My parents are buried there." But this is only a sentiment common to human nature. It would make your blessed dead doubly dead to know that you are robbing yourself of a robust and progressive Christian life for such a sickly sentiment. It is just like Satan to wed you to a well of tears. It is just like God to lead you to streams of Living Water. We must not embrace graves. "Let the dead bury the dead."

5. "I can do just as much good out of the church as I could if I were in it." But, if this is true then Christ made a mistake when He established the church. And it is not my duty to defend His "mistakes." You are matching your judgment against His.

—Exchange.

—BR—

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS September 1-18

Association, date, place of meeting:

Benton—September 8, Pine Grove church.

Prentiss—September 8, Wheeler church.

Lafayette—September 8, Abbeville church.

Monroe—September 9, Smithville church.

Tippah—September 9, Academy church.

Alcorn—September 9-10, Liberty Hill church.

Yalobusha—September 9-10, Oakland church.

Marshall—September 10, Carey Chapel church.

Tate—September 10, Hopewell church (Arkabutla).

Lee—September 10-11, Calvary church, Tupelo.

Itawamba—September 11-12, Evergreen church.

Lebanon—September 15-16, Oral church.

Calhoun—September 16, Bruce church.

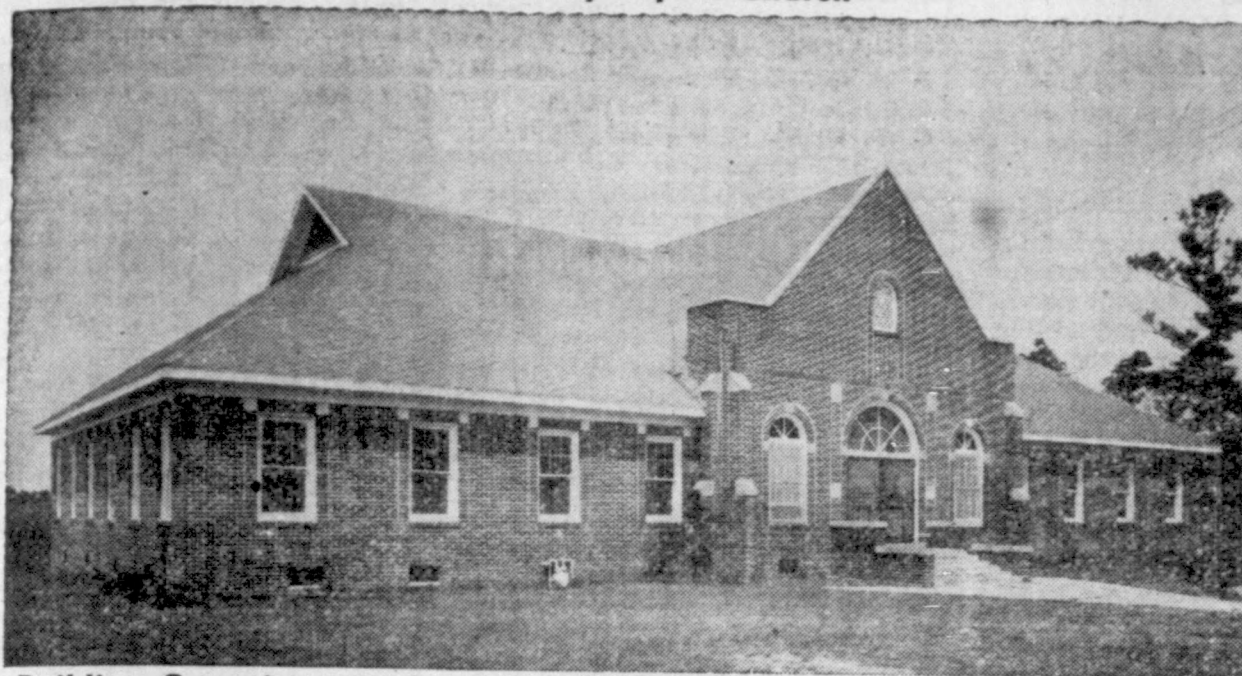
Panola—September 18, Tocowa church.

Tallahatchie—September 18, Friendship church.

—BR—

Blackwater, Kemper county: Dr. O. R. Mosley, pastor, held their V. B. S. two weeks prior to the annual revival. The following leaders were in charge: Principal, Margaret Mosley; music, Jane Latham; secretary, Mrs. Theodore McLelland; intermediates, Mary Bell Davis; Juniors, Mrs. R. C. Mosley, Mrs. Ernest McLelland; Beginners, Mrs. J. F. Latham. The average attendance was 36. There were seven professions of faith.

Petal Harvey Baptist Church



Building Committee — Petal Harvey Church



In the building of the Petal-Harvey Baptist Church we adopted the plan of paying as we built. After getting together nearly half of the funds we launched our building program, and from beginning to the completion of the building we had the wholehearted cooperation of the church. Labor, time and money were given freely. Our people are happy and thankful for the blessings of God in the completion of this great undertaking.

Brother Pat Rogers was chairman of the building committee and led us in a great way. We had harmony not only in the committee, but the whole church worked as a unit.

We feel that we are ready to launch a real program of training, missions, evangelism, and expansion in every department of our church life.

We are having our dedication the third Sunday in September. Our State Mission Secretary preaches for us at the morning service.—A. C. Parker, pastor.

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY SESSION BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 15

About 500 Students Expected

On Tuesday, September 15, and the succeeding days of this week, approximately 500 men will be enrolled for the eighty-fourth session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Due to war conditions the total enrollment for the year may be slightly less than that of last year, which reached the record mark of 520. These figures do not include the wives of students or Training School students who attend Seminary classes. All women students are enrolled in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, whose beautiful new campus and buildings now adjoin the property of the Seminary.

The training of these ministers and missionaries presents to Southern Baptists a high privilege and a holy responsibility. The majority of these men will come from states of the Southern Baptist Convention, but a significant number will come from the Northern Convention and Canada. More than 90 per cent will be full college graduates. They will have been admitted after the most careful examination of their qualifications and credentials. They will come eager to secure the equipment needed for effectiveness in the service of Christ for a stricken world.

Many of the worthiest of these students will find themselves in need of a small amount of financial aid in order to meet expenses. It would be expecting too much of a student, with no other resources than his own, to earn all his living expenses while at the same time carrying a heavy classroom load. Sometimes a few dollars a month makes the difference between the privilege of attending the Seminary and inability to attend with its conse-

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS POETRY ANTHOLOGY
TO BE PUBLISHED

Plans for publication of the second edition of Testament of Faith, annual anthology of religious poetry, have been announced by Harbinger House, New York publishing firm.

The volume will be issued in the early winter, and the editors are now at work on its compilation. Poetry, either previously published or unpublished, is sought, and both established and beginning writers are invited to submit work.

Poets may submit as many poems as they wish, but no single poem should exceed 50 lines in length. Manuscripts should be typewritten or legibly handwritten, on one side of the paper only, and should be addressed to the Editors, Testament of Faith, Harbinger House, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y. All manuscripts should be sent by October 15, 1942, and must be accompanied by return postage.

The first edition of this work, which represents all religious faiths, was published last winter. It contained some 300 poems by 200 American and Canadian poets.

quent loss to the student, the churches, and the Kingdom of God.

For the modest sum of \$15 per month three good meals per day can be furnished in Mullins Hall. A number of friends have "adopted" a student, making him their "table guest" by proxy. There could scarcely be a better investment. Write to Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, President, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky, for information concerning one or more needy and worthy men who must have this help if they are to enroll and complete the session satisfactorily. Dr. Fuller will be glad to explain the need and the plan of student aid.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Jesus said — "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

I

As we continue in His work "Now Club" churches "over-the-top" continue to come in:

Over-the-Top Church Week of Aug. 1-8:

Centerville—Carroll.
Coila—Carroll.
Leaf River—Covington.
Union, Sr.—Covington.
Damascus—Franklin.
Corinth—Jasper.
Centerville—Jones.
Indian Springs—Jones.
Russell—Lauderdale.
Immanuel—Neshoba.
Fellowship—Smith.
Good Hope—Smith.
Liberty—Smith.
Lorena—Smith.
Mize—Smith.
New Sardis—Smith.
Oak Grove—Smith.
New Life—Tallahatchie.
Sylvarena—Yalobusha.

II

No. 810 for \$100, Ashland in Benton (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 727 for \$50, Centerville in Carroll (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2642 for \$36, No. 2643 for \$36, No. 2644 for \$36, Coila in Carroll (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 764 for \$100, No. 765 for \$100, Enterprise in Clarke (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2658 for \$36, No. 2659 for \$36, Pine Bluff in Clay (Rev. E. T. Putnam, worker).

No. 767 for \$100, Leaf River in Covington (Hightower, field worker).

No. 768 for \$100, No. 769 for \$100, No. 766 for \$100, No. 694 for \$50, Seminary in Covington (Hightower, field worker).

No. 763 for \$100, No. 690 for \$50, Union Sr. in Covington (Hightower, field worker).

No. 693 for \$50, No. 2829 for \$36, No. 2830 for \$36, Damascus in Franklin (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2657 for \$36, Bay St. Louis in Gulf Coast.

No. 2656 for \$36, Clinton in Hinds-Warren.

No. 2645 for \$36, Jackson, First in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 27 for \$500, Griffith Memorial in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 770 for \$100, No. 771 for \$100, Corinth in Jasper (Hightower, field worker).

No. 691 for \$50, Stringer in Jasper (Hightower, field worker).

No. 115 for \$250, Centerville in Jones (Hightower, field worker).

No. 114 for \$250, Indian Springs in Jones (Hightower, field worker).

No. 116 for \$250, No. 692 for \$50, Russell in Lauderdale (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2640 for \$36, No. 2641 for \$36, Immanuel in Neshoba (Hightower, field worker).

No. 761 for \$100, No. 762 for \$100, Fellowship in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2639 for \$36, Good Hope in Smith (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 791 for \$100, Goodwater in Smith (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2599 for \$36, No. 2600 for \$36, Liberty in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3492 for \$36, No. 3493 for \$36, Lorena in Smith (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 794 for \$100, No. 716 for \$50, Mize in Smith (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 760 for \$100, New Sardis in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 792 for \$100, No. 793 for \$100, Oak Grove in Smith (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2590 for \$36, No. 2597 for \$36, No. 2598 for \$36, Salem in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 747 for \$100, New Life in Tallahatchie (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2653 for \$36, Sylvarena in Yalobusha (McLaurin, field worker).

Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership
AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
OXFORD, MISS. JACKSON, MISS.

Chester L. Quarles Comes to Mississippi

We are rejoicing in the fact that God has led one of our southwide Training Union workers to accept a



CHESTER L. QUARLES
New Pastor at Leland

pastorate in Mississippi. Brother Chester L. Quarles, for several years one of the field workers in the Training Union Department out of Nashville, has accepted the pastorate of the Leland church and will move to the field October 1st. Brother Quarles is a Mississippian by birth, Mrs. Quarles is also a Mississippian and we welcome them back to the home state. No finer place to live and serve, and no richer opportunity for building a great spiritual structure.

Miss Frances Fraser Goes to Nashville

Miss Frances Fraser, for several years on the Blue Mountain College faculty, having been graduated from Blue Mountain College just prior to her teaching, succeeds Miss Marie Estes as "Promoter of Church Libraries," a part of the Sunday school administration department of the Sunday School Board. Mississippi Baptist Training Unions are interested in church libraries and will co-operate with Miss Fraser in every way, and we will find Miss Fraser ever ready to help us in our search for knowledge.

Keep Your Library Up to Date

Several new and excellent books have just come from the Broadman Press. "The Art of Building Worship Services" is one of the most helpful we have seen in a long time. Every pastor will want a copy of this book for general use. Written by Dr. Thomas Bruce McDormand, director of Christian Education for the Baptist Union of Westend, Canada. "This volume is the outgrowth of data furnished by a group of over seven hundred young people ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-five, suggesting that more attention be given to increasing the beauty, reverence, and meaningfulness of the worship service of the church.

"Music and the Scriptures" is an-

other book you will find very helpful to the music committee and leaders in every church. Its study will assure better music in the churches, leading to a fuller understanding of the place of music in all of our church services.

"He spoke to the Ages," title of a new book of sermons by Dr. Mangum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C. Pastors find a good book of sermons as helpful as any book he may study. God speaks through others to us and through the pages of a book containing the spirit led thoughts of others we find helpful suggestions, illustrations and strength. Do not be afraid to use what others have used successfully, and do not be ashamed for others to know that you have an alert mind ready to receive and use all good helps available.

Montgomery Association Loses Director

Mrs. Alpha McDill, associational director of the Montgomery County Association, has accepted work with the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and will serve as missionary, working with other missionaries in the rich mission field. Mrs. McDill was one of the directors who took advantage of the Ridgecrest trip for associational directors, and God spoke to her heart while there and called her into definite religious service. She heard that call, said "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and the doors of opportunity opened immediately. We hate to lose her from our state, but rejoice in her new-found joy as she enters upon this new life experience. Before leaving Montgomery county she plans for the organization of Training Unions in three churches. Her successor will find a new interest in the work upon which he can build.

A Welcome to Dr. Claude U. Boach

The Baptist Sunday School Board announces the appointment of Dr. Claude U. Broach as associate secretary in the Department of Student Work September 1st. Mississippi Baptist young people, students in particular, will receive Dr. Broach happily, and pledge to him sincere cooperation. Standing by the general program is our policy always, and we rejoice in the fact that we are a part of so great an organization as the Southern Baptist Convention which includes in its program every type of work that Jesus promoted while here in the flesh.

Avera Has Successful Training School

The Avera Baptist Church in Greene county held a Training Union study course the week of August 17-21 with an average attendance of 22. The faculty consisted of Velma Beacham, Jessie Mae Roberts and Mrs. Tom Breland. The following books were taught: "A Winning Witness," by Gaines S. Dobbins; "The Plan of Salvation," by Austin Crouch, and "Bible Heroes," by Ethel Hudson Williams. Much interest is manifest in the work of the Training Union in this church.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called and Accepted

J. M. Gaskin, First, Colgate, Okla.
C. M. Goodwin, Corydon, Iowa.
C. F. Griffin, Midlothian Church, Texas.
John W. Hamm, Highland Heights, Memphis, Tenn.
Douglas J. Harris, chaplain, U. S. army.
L. H. Hatcher, Central, Knoxville, Tenn.
Arnold Barnum Hawkes, First, Rock Hill, S. C.
C. E. Henson, DeWar, Okla.
Aubrey B. Hill, chaplain, U. S. army.
J. B. Hunter, First, Eastman, Ga.
N. T. James, Carrizozo, N. M.
Raymond B. Kays, Williams Memorial, Ravenna, Ky.
J. Olen Kennell, Akron, Iowa.
A. L. Kirkwood, Valence St., New Orleans, La.

J. D. Leverett, Sudan, Texas.
O. J. Lewis, chaplain, U. S. army.
W. E. Lovelace, First, Morton, Texas.
W. H. McKenzie, First, Grand Prairie, Texas.

E. F. Maness, Mansfield, Mo.
Livingston T. Mays, Eagleville, Tenn.
T. W. Medearis, Secretary, Missions, Missouri Convention.

R. A. Miley, First, Arcadia, La.
Elmer Morgan, First, Bearden, Mo.
Riley Munday, New Ireland, Miss.
W. J. Norton, First, Umatilla, Fla.
W. J. Self, Shellman, Ga.
G. Reed Smith, Hinesville, Ga.
Jimmie Southerland, First, Titusville, Fla.

Resigned

J. M. Thomas, First, Talladega, Ala.
Homer W. Thompson, Morning Side, Dallas, Texas.

C. A. Ticer, Mounds, Okla.
G. V. Tilley, Green River Association, North Carolina.

J. V. Tinnin, First, Opelousa, La.
B. T. Vincent, Brooksbury, Ind.
B. H. Waugh, Social Circle, Ga.
M. O. Wayland, Iron City, Tenn.
E. E. Wheelless, Hyde Park, Austin, Texas.

J. A. Wood, First, Byrdstown, Tenn.
Herman R. Moore, Granite City, Ill.
C. B. O'Neil, First, Vandalia, Mo.
Daniel A. Poling, Grace Temple, Philadelphia, Penn.

Lee Pridgen, Caraleigh, N. C.
R. W. Pruett, Nashville, Ill.
V. V. Raines, Manning S. C.
R. L. Ray, Jr., Enon, Miss.
G. W. Reppond, Jr., Ashland, La.
C. P. Sansom, Calvary, Bonham, Texas.

Carmen Savell, Vardaman, Miss.
G. R. Smith, Tabernacle, Vidalia, Ga.

T. A. Timmerman, Elba, Ala.
E. E. Weaver, Alberta City, Ala.

Died

A. J. Barton, Nashville, Tenn.
W. W. Chancellor, Bowie, Texas.
Walter Pigg, Sherman, Ky.
J. W. Rich, Drumwright, Okla.

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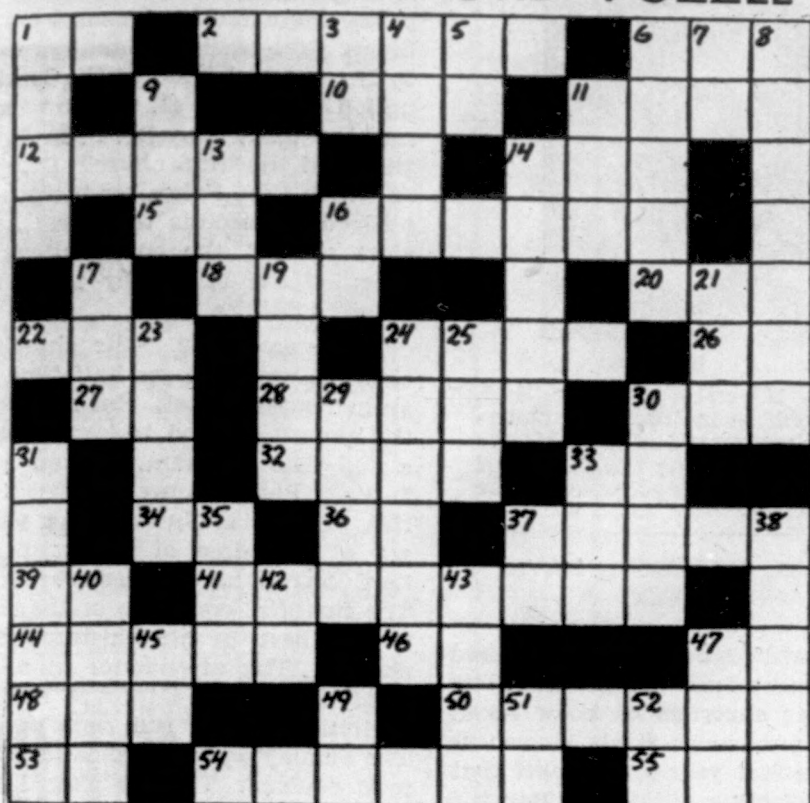
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PUNISHMENT

HORIZONTAL

- 1 "and, . . . I am with you alway," Matt. 28:20.
 - 2 "That . . . your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees," Matt. 5:20.
 - 6 "And . . . them about the neck" Prov. 6:21.
 - 10 "And thou, Capernaum, which . . . exalted to heaven, shall be thrust down to hell," Luke 10:15.
 - 11 "that the world may believe that thou hast . . . me," John 17:21.
 - 12 "for I am tormented in this . . ." Luke 16:24.
 - 14 "for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall . . . in your sins," John 8:24.
 - 15 "Depart from me, . . . cursed, into everlasting fire," Matt. 25:41.
 - 16 ". . . ye, and believe the gospel," Mark 1:15.
 - 18 Northwest territory.
 - 20 "as a . . . gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not," Matt. 23:37.
 - 22 Hurrah.
 - 24 Small Dutch coin.
 - 26 Each.
 - 27 "if . . . from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses," Matt. 18:35.
 - 28 "And . . . cast them into a furnace of fire," Matt. 13:42.
 - 30 "and they shall gather out of his kingdom . . . things that offend," Matt. 13:41.
 - 32 "Bind him . . . and foot, and take him away," Matt. 22:13.
 - 33 Pound.
 - 34 Greek letter.
 - 36 No good.
 - 37 Musical instrument.
 - 39 Railroad.
 - 41 "So . . . shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if," Matt. 18:35.
 - 44 "into the fire that . . . shall be quenched," Mark 9:45.
 - 46 Receiving office.
 - 47 . . . John.
 - 48 "so shall it be in the . . . of this world," Matt. 13:40.
 - 50 "how can ye . . . the damnation of hell," Matt. 23:33.
 - 53 "and them which . . . iniquity," Matt. 13:41.
 - 54 "that whosoever believeth in him should not . . . but have everlasting life," John 3:16.
 - 55 God of war (northern myth).
- Our text is 2, 15, 16, 27, 28, 30, 41 and 54 combined.

VERTICAL

- 1 "And in hell he . . . up his eyes, being in torments," Luke 16:23.
- 3 Calcium.
- 4 One of the Great Lakes.
- 5 Measure.
- 6 "there shall be wailing and gnashing of . . ." Matt. 13:42.
- 7 "but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body . . . hell," Matt. 10:28.
- 8 "but is in danger of . . . damnation," Mark 3:29.
- 9 "till he should . . . all that was due unto him," Matt. 18:34.
- 11 "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your . . . s," John 8:24.
- 13 "and shall teach . . . so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 5:19.
- 14 "prepared for the . . . and his angels," Matt. 25:41.
- 16 Right.
- 17 Beam.
- 19 "If I . . . thee not, thou has no part with me," John 13:8.
- 21 Snake-like fish.
- 23 "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is . . . down, and cast into the fire," Matt. 7:19.
- 24 "whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in . . . of the judgment," Matt. 5:22.
- 25 "And no man putteth new wine into . . . bottles," Mark 2:22.
- 29 Two or more skeins of thread tied together.
- 30 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not . . . to kill the soul," Matt. 10:28.
- 31 "As therefore the tares are gathered and . . . in the fire," Matt. 13:40.
- 33 The (Fr. pl.).
- 35 Kind of tree; suffix signifying diminution.
- 37 Order of the Crown of India.
- 38 "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into . . . darkness," Matt. 25:30.
- 40 City in Nevada.
- 42 A Benjamite, I Chron. 7:12.
- 43 "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two . . . more hereafter," Rev. 9:12.
- 45 Volunteer Officers' Decoration; various dates.
- 47 "who came in privily to . . . out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus," Gal. 2:4.
- 49 Capital of Moab, Num. 21:15.
- 51 Shilling.
- 52 "So shall it be . . . the end of the world," Matt. 13:49.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHER AND CLASS
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Can you answer the four Biblical questions below? One correct answer is passing; two are fair; three are good, and four perfect.

1. Who tore a new garment into twelve pieces, and what was the reason for such action?

3. What is the meaning of the name "Moses," and why was he so named?

2. What passage in the Bible, reading "the most high," etc., caused the stoning of Stephen?

4. Where is the largest statue of Christ on the Cross?

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(Correct answer on page 15.)

MORGAN CITY

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Material success has been matched with sound doctrinal and educational building. The Sunday school is standard, and the WMU is one of seventeen A-1 standard and fully graded unions in the state. In addition to these local victories, the church has constantly increased its giving to denominational causes, and the pastor has given unselfishly of his time and fine abilities to both state and south-wide enterprises. He has likewise organized Baptist work in two adjacent communities. The Morgan City church is sponsoring perhaps the only Mexican mission in the state, with the chairman of the board of deacons serving as superintendent, working through an interpreter.

The writer spent a delightful and fruitful week of revival services with this warm-hearted and consecrated pastor and his hospitable people recently and came away greatly encouraged with the prospects of Baptist victory in that section of the state.—B. Frank Smith, Durant.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



THE POWER CAME DOWN

This summer's evangelistic work has brought great joy and many satisfying results wherever we have been privileged to work. There seems to be a mighty turning to God on the part of many, and a deepening of prayer life as Christians realize that only God can quell troubled hearts and bring a much-sought-after peace of mind in these awful days of global unrest and bloodshed.

Sunflower Plantation: Overflowing crowds at night and large morning attendance attested to the interest of the people in that part of the Delta. Many days of hard work and much visiting, prayer and personal work bore fruit. These were climaxed by an outstanding service on a Thursday night when, under the power of God, the pastor prostrated himself on the choir platform and many others sat with bowed heads and tear-stained faces during the sermon. Unusual demonstration of the Holy Spirit at this high hour. Thirteen walked the aisle for God on that particular night. Rev. Clyde Asked, a Mississippi College student, is pastor.

Sturgis: This was a return engagement after our first opportunity last year. Rev. A. H. Childress is pastor, a tireless worker and much loved by his people. Both mornings and evenings were made bright by unusually large crowds. At times the house would not hold the evening attendance. Interest in this meeting reached unusual proportions. God graciously blessed these services.

Fellowship church, Rev. A. C. Parker of Petal as pastor, preaching once a month to this appreciative people in an afternoon appointment, has done (Continued on Page Fifteen)

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for September 6, 1942
THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM: PAST AND PRESENT

In Ancient Sodom—Genesis 13:13;
19:23-25;

Deuteronomy 32:31-33
In Ancient Israel—Amos 6:1-7

If Sodom be the symbol of the city and country steeped in manifold iniquities including intemperance, we have in the four passages before us: The vice of Sodom, showing that intemperance debauches; the vengeance on Sodom, showing that intemperance despoils; the vine of Sodom, showing that intemperance depraves; and the venom from Sodom, showing in ancient Israel that intemperance destroys. Let no tent today be pitched toward Sodom!

Lesson Text and Outline

Genesis 13:13; 19:23-25; Deuteronomy 32:31-33; Amos 6:1-7

I. Wickedness (Genesis 13):

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly.

II. Woe (Genesis 19):

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot came into Zoar. 24 Then Jehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Jehovah out of heaven; 25 and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

III. Wine (Deuteronomy 32):

32 For their rock is not as our Rock, Even our enemies themselves being judges. 32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, And of the fields of Gomorrah: Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter: 33 Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of asps.

IV. Warnings (Amos 6):

1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and to them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! 2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines: are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; 5 that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that invent for themselves instruments of music, like David; 6 that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief oils; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore shall they now go captive with the first that go captive;



Blue Mountain, Miss., August 25, 1942—Miss Eileen Watt (left), B. S. and M. S., Kansas State Teacher's College, who will be instructor in clothing, textiles, and design, in the home economics department of Blue Mountain College next session; and Miss Kathryn Zirwes, holding the degree of bachelor of art education from the Art Institute of Chicago, who will be head of the art department.

and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Debauchery featured the wickedness of Sodom. See (1) **the queen of the plain**. The situation was beautiful. As Abram and Lot beheld it from the hills it seemed to them as fair as the garden of the Lord and as fruitful as the land of Egypt. It was in a fertile valley, filled with vineyards, olive orchards, barley fields, flocks, and a teeming, prosperous life. Five cities flourished in the neighborhood, Sodom sitting proudly on her throne as the queen of the district. She carried on an extensive commerce, being on a great traffic route from the Euphrates to the Nile. Abounding in wealth, rich in culture, regaled with every amusement, Sodom was a type of the city in its glory. Recall (2) **the sins of Sodom**. The beautiful city was the very cesspool of iniquity, and black indeed was the catalogue of sins named by Ezekiel (16:49): "Pride, fulness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." Its lusts were notorious. Its pride was manifest in conceit, haughtiness, and irreverence. It made breadwinning and moneymaking the main things, so that its citizens cared more for what they ate and had than for what they were. It also had a great idle class in its population. It was selfish, withholding from the needy, oppressing them socially, politically and financially.

2. Destruction followed the woe on Sodom. Here is (1) **the picture of a city that went to its woe**. The decree went forth from on high that Sodom should be overthrown. The warning angels came, but the Sodomites sneered. At last Lot with his wife and daughters left the city. The hour of doom had arrived. The morning mists were lifting on the hills. All at once liquid fire began to fall. Soon the streets ran with flame, the walls crumbled under the intense heat, every living thing was completely destroyed, and the whole city with its environs was swallowed up in the awful conflagration. Here also is (2) **the picture of a man saved as by fire**. To Sodom Lot had gone in search of wealth. There he had won money

PHALTI, JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

The Phalti church has experienced such a marvelous growth that we want other churches to know about it. The Lord has so richly blessed us during the last year and a half that we want all other Mississippi Baptists to sing the Doxology with us.

Our church was an ordinary half-time rural church or perhaps not quite up to the ordinary rural Baptist church of Mississippi until January 1, 1941. Then we called Bro. H. A. Hunderup, Jr., a ministerial student of Mississippi College as pastor.

Things then began to happen. The Every Family Plan was adopted, a budget of about a thousand dollars was presented to the church as a

and fame, built his home and reared his family, spent the strength of his manhood and the best years of his life. Almost literally dragged out of the doomed city, Lot and his two daughters hardly reached the safe slopes of the surrounding hills before the fires of justice fell.

3. Depravity flaunted the wine in Sodom. Note a double contrast here.

(1) There is a contrast in the foundation. (Continued on Page Fifteen)

recommendation of the pastor and board of deacons and was approved. A church that had not given a dime to the denominational causes the year before gave over two hundred dollars to His cause outside of the local situation during 1941. A stewardship meeting was led by Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor of the First church, Columbia, at which time fifteen or more people pledged themselves to tithe. At the close of 1941 the contributions had exceeded the budget by about three hundred dollars.

Then came 1942. The church decided to continue on half-time with an increased budget. But in February the church decided to launch out on a full-time program. So on March 1, 1942, Phalti church embarked on this venture of faith. And we can say at the close of six months the Lord has richly blessed our efforts. The financial condition of the church is the best in the history of the church. The attendance at all services has greatly improved since the beginning of the full time program. The Sunday school attendance has almost doubled. The Training Union is doing much better work. A Brotherhood has been organized, as well as a W. M. U. with a R. A. chapter for boys. Through it all and above all the spirituality and the consecration of the entire membership has deepened. The pastor's salary has just recently been given a boost and a pastor's home is being planned which will be erected in the near future. The people here hold their pastor in great esteem and respect.

The Lord has surely blessed us in our work. The membership has done its part but a greater credit is due to an energetic, hard-working pastor who has labored untiringly to make the work go. Through a cooperative effort of planting and watering, God has given us an increase.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

(The following is given in the hope that it may be helpful to committees in making reports on Christian Education at the meetings of our Baptist associations.)

In these critical days every phase of our lives is being affected by the war and adjustments are being made by all institutions. Of course, our church and denominational life is feeling the pressure of war demands. In none of our Baptist denominational institutions is this more keenly felt than in our Christian schools and colleges. This is true because young people of school and college age are those most vitally demanded by war. It is true, also, because the Christian colleges are called upon to render services which cannot be rendered by any other institution.

In the past year, the schools, colleges and universities of the country have made vital adjustments in their programs. Many young people have made vital adjustments in their program. Many young men have had to go into some form of armed service. Since this a war unlike any other in all history, in that it is a war of highly trained technicians of all kinds, the government has developed various plans by which young men can stay in college to receive needed training for a larger service after graduation as specialists in various fields. The great majority of our Baptist colleges have adjusted to these various types of service plans and are thus enabled to keep many young men as students up to graduation, and thus make direct contributions to the all-out war effort. Southern Baptists can have pride in the work their colleges are doing in this area.

We have several reasons for hope and encouragement in the field of Christian education. The records for the past year show great progress in the number of students attending Baptist schools and colleges, in the fine quality of work being done, and in the increasing interest which Baptists are showing in the work of these schools. Our Baptist people are beginning to see the vital and necessary place which their schools and colleges have in denominational life and in the plans for the reconstruction of the world after World War Two.

Never in all history has there been such a real need for Christian leadership—the kind which only Christian colleges can develop—as we have now and will have in the next few years. Without this leadership we cannot go forward. These leaders will come primarily from Christian colleges. We must win the peace! Christian education along realistic and creative lines is basic to that task. Herein lie the reasonable challenges of Peace

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25 YEARS AGO

Pastor J. E. Kinsey reports a good meeting at Oakdale church in Rankin county.

At Zion Hill in Copiah county, Pastor Floyd was assisted by Rev. L. B. Spencer. Five were baptized.

At Summerland 28 were baptized after a revival in which Rev. W. R. Cooper assisted Pastor T. J. Miley.

Rev. Ed Solomon of the Fifteenth Avenue church in Meridian is on an extended trip through the north on his vacation.

Rev. L. B. Campbell conducted a meeting at Gates, in Copiah county, and organized a church of 12 members. He baptized 24, and received 22 others by letter.

J. Benj. Lawrence, mission secretary, reports that a total of \$38,473.68 was spent for State Missions in 1916.

A. A. Walker of Water Valley writes enthusiastically of the revival at Schlater, where Rev. W. A. Green is pastor, in which 22 were added to the church.

At Little Rock in a revival, W. F. Harvey, the "blind preacher," helped Pastor W. L. Collins. One was restored. There were 21 baptized, of these 13 being adult men.

After a revival in McComb, the men at the I. C. shops had a Bible study class at the noon hour instead of playing cards. At one meeting in the revival numbers of soldiers rededicated their lives to Christ. Carpenter and Hoffman, evangelistic team, assisted by the McComb pastors, had charge.

On Earth and Good Will Among Men.

In the days following the present world crisis and emergency, regardless of the terms of peace, "The reorganization of society after the mind of Christ" will be the supreme need of the world in the immediate future. We dare not let the lights go out today or tomorrow in the Christian college, the lighthouse of civilization!

The schools are making honest and unselfish efforts to meet the stirring challenges of the hour. In this spirit they "carry on." The Education Commission is doing the best work since its founding. We appeal to Southern Baptists all to give every help and encouragement to these Baptist schools. We recommend:

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ity and obligation for training active Christian leaders, for the future, in our Baptist schools.

3. That ways and means, commensurate with the ever-increasing financial needs, be worked out in cooperation with our Baptist schools, guaranteeing their usefulness and multiplying their Christian education service.

General information about our Baptist schools may be had from the report of the Southern Baptist Education Commission as set out in the annual of the Southern Baptist Convention. More specific information about our Baptist schools in any state may be had from the presidents of the respective schools. It is earnestly hoped that each committee making a report on Christian education will familiarize itself with the work of our Baptist schools and so present their claims to our people as to enlist their wholehearted support and patronage.

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RIDGECREST SIDELIGHTS

"To the Biltmore Estate"

One of the places of interest and beauty I had been cautioned not to miss while at Ridgecrest was the Biltmore estate, and it far exceeded my expectations.

On account of the shortage of rubber and rationing of gasoline no conducted tours had been planned for the guests at Ridgecrest this year. So, after we arrived there safe and sound in our Mississippi school buses, the bus drivers used their buses to carry as many as they could to visit the most important places of interest during the few days we had there.

We left the Ridgecrest grounds about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon for the Biltmore estate with the two buses packed to capacity. Just as we reached the gates to the Biltmore estate the skies began to leak. Mr. Farmer spent about 45 minutes running back and forth in the rain and heat trying to get names, and addresses and admission fees from all the passengers. This had to be done before they would even think of admitting us to the grounds.

The drive through the grounds was a treat in itself. The road was beautiful, with flowers blooming all along and streams flowing beside it in some places. But the magnificent Biltmore House would almost take away your breath. To take in all the beauty and splendor of this great mansion would require at least a day.

On this estate is an up-to-date dairy and ice cream factory. As we entered the Biltmore House we were given complimentary tickets for a serving of ice cream when we visited the Biltmore dairy. We spent as much time as we dared at the house, but none of us was willing to miss the dairy and the free ice cream, so we left in plenty of time to take in that, too.

—Alberta Whatley,
Vicksburg, Miss.

Two and Four

On August 12 we gave the number of associations in the state that had reported no Sunday school training for the first six months of this year, and also gave the number of associations that up to that date had reported no Vacation Bible schools for 1942.

There were at that time eleven associations that had reported no training school for the first six months of the year, and thirteen associations that had reported no Vacation Bible school.

At this writing (August 26), two of the eleven associations that had reported no training, have reported, which now leaves us with only nine to make it 100% for the year. These two associations that have recently reported Sunday school training are Franklin and Madison.

Also, since August 12, four additional associations (Chickasaw, De-

Soto, Madison and Mississippi) have reported Vacation Bible schools. This leaves us now only nine to make it 100% in Vacation schools for the year.

Send Your Report

Many Vacation schools have not yet sent us their reports. Please do this at once so that we may have a record of every school held this year.

Good Testimonies

Miss Marian Leavell, Oxford, in sending in the reports of the Vacation Bible school in her own church and one for the Negro church in that town, says: "Fifteen University students from our B. S. U. taught the first week of the Negro school. The second week of the school the Negro faculty took over the responsibilities, with only a few suggestions necessary. I think my B. S. U'ers received as much help and joy from the work as did the Negro children. It was quite a wonderful experience for all of us."

Rev. E. C. Edwards, Shuqualak, says this about his Vacation school: "We had a mighty good school with the best interest. We had five decisions for Christ during the Bible school, and these and nine others came accepting Jesus and following Him in baptism during our revival the next week."

Mr. R. E. Owen, Sunday school superintendent of the Eudora school, DeSoto Association, says this about their recent Vacation Bible school: "Although there was no one converted in the Vacation Bible school, there were eleven Juniors who accepted Christ in our revival meeting. We feel that the Bible school had much to do with this."

"Let Us Sing"

The above heading is the title of the new book on Church Music recently published by the Sunday School Board. A free copy of this book will be given to any church who will agree to teach it. Order your copy from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. W. B. Lowry, associational superintendent of Lauderdale Association, has ordered several copies of "Let Us Sing" from the Baptist Book Store and plans to assign them to churches that will use them in his association. He plans to give special stress to this important item in our church program. Many other associational and church leaders should do likewise.

New Schools

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county, under the leadership of Rev. A. A. Ward, Lena, the associational superintendent. Brother Ward has certainly done a great work in Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work in his association, as well as in the organization of a number of new Sunday schools.

A new church has recently been organized in Oil City, Yazoo county. This is the oil field area of our state, and a number of good Baptists have gone there from different sections of the state, and other states. Of course, any good Baptists wants a Baptist church where he lives; therefore, they got busy and organized a church; a good Sunday school is going also, they have recently had a revival, and had a Vacation Bible school the last week in August. How's that for a new church? We wish for them the Lord's richest blessings in their work.

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Let me suggest a few specific ways in which you can help with the promotion of our paper.

FIRST: Allow sufficient time on your program for an adequate presentation of The Record's aims and purposes.

SECOND: If you do not already have a general representative of The Record in your association, be sure to elect one when you meet.

THIRD: Make sure that every church in your association has its own Record representative.

FOURTH: Urge the prompt renewal of all subscriptions when they fall due.

FIFTH: See that the EVERY FAMILY plan is explained. This popular and progressive Plan has enabled The Baptist Record to increase its circulation from 4,001 in 1935 to 26,000 in 1942. It must have some merit.

SIXTH: At the very first session appoint some one to receive subscriptions for The Baptist Record. Ask them to send in the names and money promptly.

SEVENTH: Remember that The Record stands for the promotion and the progress of our entire Christian program, and for the highest interests of our Baptist life.

Cordially yours,

A. L. GOODRICH, Editor.

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Sunday School Lesson

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tion of character. In this song six times God is called Rock, and on no other foundation can we build for time and eternity. (2) There is a contrast in fruitage in conduct. Over against the good vine in a well-kept vineyard sustaining a fine family there is the vine of Sodom flourishing in the fields of Gomorrah: Pluck its clusters and they are bitter; crush its grapes and they exude gall; make wine out of them and you have the poison of serpents; drink it and you reel and writhe as if stung with the cruel venom of asps. What a picture of the poison of sin! In particular, how vivid is the sketch of one inflamed by intoxicating liquors!

4. Decadence focused through Israel the warning from Sodom. Note: (1) Danger lurks in ease. The warning is first against false security. The religious leaders of the country depended upon their connection with Zion and trusted their luxurious prosperity. Thus they were lulled with glittering insecurity and were insensible to danger. The warning then turns against false confidence in fortified strongholds of Jeroboam; but they were besought to trust in the Lord rather than the mountain of Samaria. The position and privileges of the leaders ought to have insured better conduct, for the people came before them for counsel and judgment. Three thrilling instances of national overthrow are now cited to warn Israel. Think of Calneh, founded by Nimrod, one of the five great Babylonian cities, a famous and almost impregnable stronghold which had recently been subjugated by Assyria. Consider Hamath, the mighty city on the banks of the Orontes which lately had been conquered by both Israel and Assyria. Consider Gath, one of the five chief cities of warlike Philistia, which but a short time before had been captured by Uzziah, king of Judah, who had demolished its very walls. They were prosperous and yet they fell. So will proud and powerful Israel if it persists in vice. (2) Degeneracy is linked with luxury. Amos enumerates ten of Israel's vices. He charges them with incredulity, for they cynically put far away the evil day; with injustice, for with violence they enforce their fraud; with indolence, for they loll effeminately upon their beds inlaid with ivory; with immorality, for they were infected with wantonness; with insatiableness, for they lived continually on the fat of flock and stall; with indecency, for they sang and played their voluptuous songs; with irreverence, for the revelers mimicked the Davidic instruments; with intemperance, for they gulped their wine out of the sacrificial bowls; with impiety, for they anointed themselves with ointments used only for

holy purposes; and with indifference, for they were unmoved by the afflictions of their people. No severer indictment can be drawn than the naming of such sins. These sores had broken out on the body of the nation; its heart and blood were filled with poison; outward appearance was only the veneer covering incipient death. (3) Destruction is the end of sin. The wicked leaders shall be taken captive, retaining even in their captivity a bitter prominence. Then ruin shall obliterate their revelry, want shall obscure their banquets, slavery shall follow their liberty, and misery shall succeed their ease. The wicked cannot long be happy. And the secret of disaster is the divine abhorrence of their sinful folly.

The Lesson of the Lesson Abstain From Intoxicants

(1) Intoxicants Devour the Body. Therefore abstain for the sake of physical stamina. Strong drink is the foe of digestion, circulation, strength of muscular fiber, and steadiness of nerve.

(2) Intoxicants Weaken the Mind. Therefore abstain for the sake of intellectual strength. The mind of the drinker is the prey of alcohol. Every intellect is weakened, the ordinary into lunacy and the strong into imbecility.

(3) Intoxicants Empty the Purse. Therefore abstain for the sake of financial stability. The poverty of a drinking man has passed into proverb. "Drink makes the industrious man lazy and the thrifty man wasteful."

(4) Intoxicants Wreck the Home. Therefore abstain for the sake of family. If intemperance affected only the drinker, the results would not be so disastrous. But in most cases the faithful wife and dependent children are the real sufferers.

(5) Intoxicants Undermine Society. Therefore abstain for the sake of social welfare. The baneful influence of the drunkard and the drug addict goes beyond the sacred enclosure of his own family. The moral tone of the entire community is lowered and vitiated by his presence.

(6) Intoxicants Retard Civilization. Therefore abstain for the sake of human progress. The bulk of crime committed today is directly attributable to intoxicating liquor. The machinery of civilization is taxed to care for the inebriates, the insane, and the criminals made by drink.

(7) Intoxicants Blight Eternity. Therefore abstain for the sake of the soul. We are assured that no drunk-

THE POWER CAME DOWN

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a great work. How the Lord tested our faith is best understood when we went through the entire week without a move, then on the last day of the revival the floodgates broke and in that one day we reaped a loving harvest. We preached during heavy rains; one night in the dark as the lights went out but we found that our God is the God of darkness as well as the light.

Longview (south of Starkville) is pastored also by Rev. A. H. Childress. Here we experienced more high hours. The morning services were the best attended in years, so I was told, and at night many could not get in the building. The days were hot and rainy and the nights sultry but the people came. At the close of one morning service I had slipped out to go and get off my clothes, drenched with perspiration. Hardly had I gotten decently dressed before I heard shouting. Rushing back across the street I saw an entire congregation overcome with the power of the Spirit.

Union church (no pastor at this time): Rev. Otho Eure, now of Greenwood, was their former pastor. Rains night and day but the Lord did not send them to interfere with the revival. What a glorious time we had there and how we were blessed of God can not be put in mere words. At one service 33 people of that fine, old historic village rededicated themselves anew to God.

Shady Grove, in Jasper county, is pastored by Rev. E. C. Hendricks of Enterprise. More than 20 years ago we attended this historic old church, now almost 100 years old. Here we met many old friends and formed new acquaintances. Here again we were swept along by the tidal wave of God's power. Night after night, in spite of rains that came, we had record-breaking crowds.

During these recent meetings we have seen more than 150 walk the aisle for Christ, either asking for membership or rededicating their lives to God. Our 8-mm. movie, showing in colors, scenes in and about Camp Shelby, Gulfport, Biloxi, the

ard shall enter the kingdom of heaven.

Gold in the Golden Text

The way of the wicked shall perish. Psalm 1:6.

The person is wicked. He is evil in heart and life. He is wrong and does wrong. He is not right with God; he does not do right toward men.

The path he follows is not the path for others to follow. His course of conduct is harmful to others and not helpful to himself. The sum total of his life amounts to nothing good. He makes no valuable deposit in the bank of human welfare.

The penalty is wreck and ruin of himself and all that he has done in the world. When he passes he perishes, and every vestige of him tumbles into wretched collapse. The world is worse because he lived and better when he dies.

MRS. HATTIE B. McPHERSON

In January, 1912, sixteen Baptists organized the Oakland Baptist church one of whom was Mrs. Hattie B. McPherson. During its struggles in the beginning she gave unstintingly of self and means to the work of the church.

In September, 1913, a Sunday school was organized and she taught small children for a number of years.

She served as pianist during most all the years until her health failed. Christ said "By their fruits shall ye know them"; then she surely loved her church to the end.

After she could no longer attend the services she would often ask about the church. August 9, 1942 God called her from her suffering body to be with Him. We will greatly miss her, but humbly bow to the will of Him that doeth all things well.

To her devoted and bereaved daughter and her husband, her sister, nieces, nephews, other loved ones and friends, we offer our profound sympathy and pray God's richest blessings upon you, believing your loss is her eternal gain.

We desire that a copy of this be sent to her daughter, Mrs. Laura Trout, one to her sister, Mrs. Mae Broome, one to the Baptist Record for publication and one spread on the minutes of the church.

Done by order of the church in conference, this the 16th day of August, 1942.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Bethlehem (Jones)	59	30
Cross Roads (Webster)	92	
Bear Creek (Attala)	59	18
Louisville, First	300	71
Wallerville	71	43
Olive Branch	75	85
Pascagoula, Second	116	52
Gautier Mission	45	
Ellison Ridge	171	52
New Fellowship (Jasper)	51	
Corinth, First	238	51
Crystal Springs	388	126
Brookhaven	409	139

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"When the war is over the Christian must be a Good Samaritan to the world." —Albert W. Beaven.

week at Parchman farm and other mission scenes of the work in Mississippi, has proved to be a great help wherever we have used them. Also messages on Is This the Last War?; Can Hitler Win?; The Challenge of This Hour; On Whose Side is God in This War?; Sin and the Second Coming of Christ have proved to be extremely interesting and timely in these days.

Yes, friends, the Power Came Down. "Rejoice, and again I say Rejoice." M. E. Perry, Evangelist.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 11.

1. (Torn garment): It was a demonstration of Ahijah's prophesy on the division of the twelve tribes. See I Kings 11:29-35.

2. (Moses' name): Moses (Mosheh), in the Egyptian translation means, "Son of the Nile." See Exodus 2:10.

3. (Stoning of Stephen): See Acts 7:48 and 58.

4. (Largest statue): It is that which surmounts Mount Cristo Rey in the most western part of Texas. It was carved from white Texas limestone by Urbice Soler, and is 45 feet high, the figure of Christ being 27 feet high.

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Chapter I Jesus and Judea.
Chapter II Mississippi—Our Judea.
Chapter III State Mission Secretary and Evangelism.
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Chapter V Your Offices and His Work.

By

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We present and dedicate to the Mississippi Baptist W. M. U.—a great department of our church and denominational life—chapter one of our 1942 State Mission tract. Order copies to fill your needs. The first chapter follows:

Chapter I Jesus and Judea

There are five letters in the word—JUDEA! There are five letters in the word—JESUS! One is the name of a land! The other is the name of our Lord! The land of our Lord in the flesh!

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea! Luke 2. He was baptized in the river Jordan—the eastern boundary of Judea! Matthew 3. He was tempted in the wilderness of Judea! Matthew 4. He was at His Father's business in His Father's house—Jerusalem in Judea! Luke 2:49.

How largely was Judea associated with the earthly ministry of Jesus! What a large part Jesus played in the life of Judea!

Let us study one of the Gospels—the much-loved Gospel of John—to get the scope and power of His ministry in Judea!

John 1. Jesus walked in Judea and received the witness of John. See also Matthew 3:1-17.

John 2. Jesus cleansed the Temple—Jerusalem in Judea.

John 3. Jesus gave the teaching concerning the New Birth while in Judea.

John 5. Jesus healed a man at the Pool of Bethesda. He pleaded with the people, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

John 7. Jesus came back into Judea, from Galilee, and taught in the Temple.

John 8. Jesus delivered while in Judea, the great discourse on the Light of the World.

John 9. Jesus gave sight to the man born blind. Rivers of helpfulness poured forth from the Life of Jesus while in Judea!

John 10. This is the great chapter on The Good Shepherd—delivered in Judea!

John 11. What heart balm this resurrection chapter has been to multitudes of the bereaved. Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. More Judean ministry!

John 12. While at Bethany in Judea, Jesus was anointed. He instituted the Lord's Supper a little later!

John 13. He washed the disciples' feet, fore-telling the betrayal and denial.

John 14-17. These precious chapters, freighted with Divine truth, were sent forth to the world from Judea!

John 18. Jesus arrived at Gethsemane—the Garden of Red—made sacred and sweet as a solemn retreat for prayer. Here it was again proven that Jesus must die if men are to be saved from sin to God's Life! He was arrested, tried and condemned. All in Judea!

John 19. Jesus was crucified! Atonement for our sins was made by Him in Judea! We should sing it and shout it!

John 20-21. Another resurrection chapter and

the appearances—some of them in Judea. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20:31.

Does not HIS large ministry in His Judea shame us for OUR lack of ministry in OUR Judea—Mississippi?

In our Mississippi we have two million people. Of this number nearly 300,000 are white Baptists, and, over 350,000 are colored Baptists.

EUT—BUT—720,000 of this total population of our state are above ten years of age and LOST!

There are 150 churchless areas in our Judea—Mississippi. We get this from a compilation of information furnished by our Convention Board members.

They all need the same Christ! They need the same spiritual ministry in preaching, teaching, and physical helpfulness.

Mississippi Baptists with others have been entrusted with the whole message and whole program of the Lord Jesus Christ! This program is along personal lines; church lines; institutional lines (i.e. synagogue in the Scriptures, etc); and denominational (cooperative) lines. Groups cooperated with Jesus in His earthly ministry! Groups also cooperated with the apostle Paul!

Evangelism is the first emphasis!

We must also teach and train the followers of our Lord Jesus. He gave Himself quite largely to the task of training twelve men. "Follow me and I WILL MAKE you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. He instructed them again, in Matthew 5-7, and, again in Matthew 10.

He also gave Himself in a ministry of physical helpfulness.

Mississippi Baptists have all this charge from Him!

A child wandered off into the woods from a picnic party. Soon she was missed and a frantic search began. Wise heads asserted themselves. Spaced far enough apart in a straight line so that every square foot of the area might come within the vision of the searchers, they swept through the woods in the direction the girl was last seen. How is that for organization? How is that for a program? Now, do you believe in it?

Soon they came upon the little one. She was curled against the foot of a tree. Her face was tear-stained. She was still snubbing in her exhaustion and sleep. They restored her to the arms of the frantic mother.

Now, may we suggest that you at once read Luke, chapter 15?

If Mississippi Baptists would really sweep over this our Judea, for the Lord Jesus Christ, many lost ones would be found and brought to Jesus. What rejoicing there would be both in heaven and earth. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7.

Judea rejected Jesus! Judea whipped Jesus and slapped Him in the face! Judea crucified Jesus!

Will our Judea—Mississippi do better by Jesus? Almost one-half of our Mississippi has already rejected Him!

But Judea could not defeat Him! A Judean grave could not hold him! He moved along to others who would receive Him and work with Him!

What will our Mississippi do?

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In the first World War a New Testament saved Roy Neal, an American soldier, from death by German shrapnel. He was at Saint Mihiel when an inch-long piece of shrapnel imbedded itself in a New Testament which was directly over his heart. His church is now providing each of its members in the armed service with a New Testament.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Local Missions and State Missions Are So Intertwined
That We Study Them Together

RIDGECREST 1942 — AN EVALUATION
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son, 2000—double the first estimate of this reporter—attended Preaching Week services.

The summer's programs were keenly Christian. Leaders say spirituality was deeper this year than at many previous times and never has been more pronounced. Ringing throughout was the note that war challenges the program of Christianity, in the individual, in the church and its activities, in national and international life. There was no attempt to dodge the issues of wartime, but instead an effort to face them courageously armed with Bible truths and a nearness to God.

Speakers were unanimous in their contention that the world is not going to be won to Christian love by pastors alone, and the achievement is to be realized only when individual Christians—meaning you and me—give our own testimony for Him. We are to witness for Him by making every phase of our life more and more Christlike. We are not to sit back and wish for better politics; we are to get in the scrap and make them better. We are a part of the world and must not forget our responsibilities in determining its attitudes and direction.

Was the summer 1942 at Southern Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, a good one? Considering the handicaps overcome, it was the greatest yet. Those 14,250 who came got here only by making sacrifices. The spiritual truths by which they were rewarded will give strength and courage to all the South through the trials of the war year.

Again, a summer's congregations have gone from this continental divide of the Blue Ridges back to their homes to carry out the admonition of the Ridgecrest auditorium's cornerstone: "From the mountaintop of vision and inspiration, Southern Baptists would carry the message of Jesus into every valley of human need."

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Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"WHAT TO PREACH — INDIFFERENCE"

Every congregation has a tendency to drift. No preacher should continuously thrash his congregation. Several years ago a good deacon in a church where I was preaching in a meeting, said to me: "We have a great preacher in our pastor. I respect and admire him. I do wish, however, that he could believe that the average church member has more character and Christian qualities than he seems to think they have." The weakness of that preacher's preaching was that the pulpit was to him a whipping post from which he flogged his congregation twice each Sunday. We should avoid that.

At the same time every prophet of God who is faithful to his call has to give the truth to his people in plain doses. He has to cry aloud and spare not. He has to throw ice water on them to awaken them from their sleep of indifference. Then again he has to spray them with the acid of rebuke and chastisement for their failures. In doing this we need to have both cleverness and sincerity. There are smart ways by which we can tell the people about their sorry faults and create within them an honest desire to do better. We must remember that their blood will be on our hands unless we faithfully warn them and awaken them to the consciousness of their responsibility.

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Dr. J. W. Province, known and well-beloved all over Mississippi, is now in the hospital at Vicksburg. His friends throughout the state will be praying for his recovery.

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